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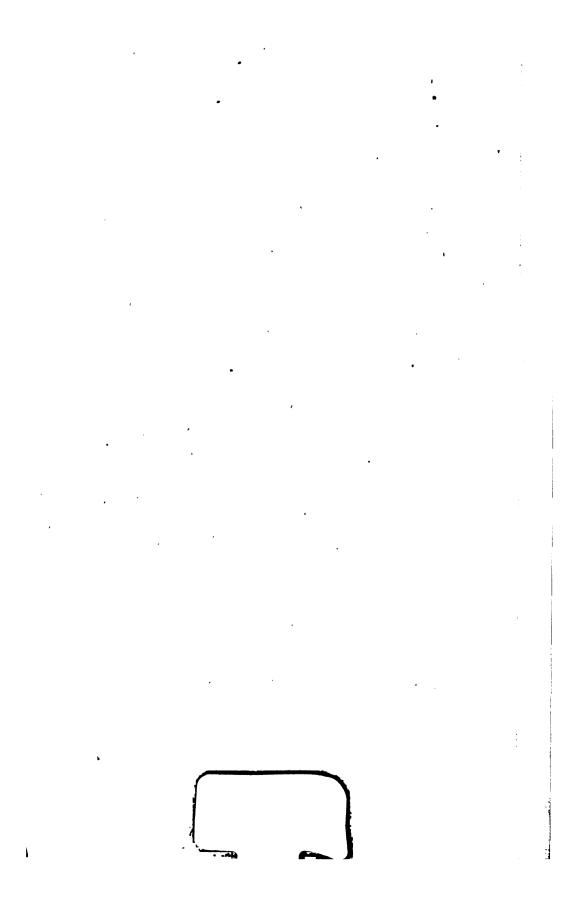
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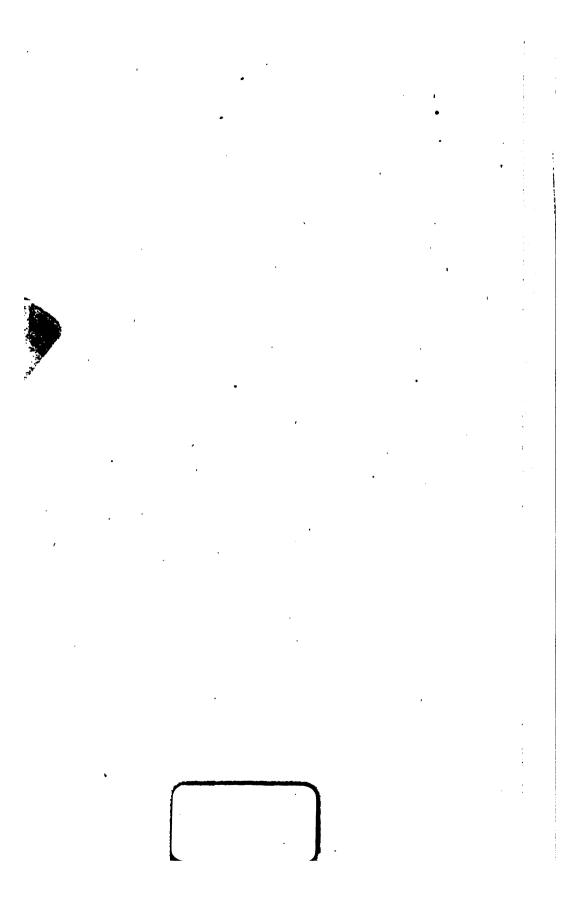
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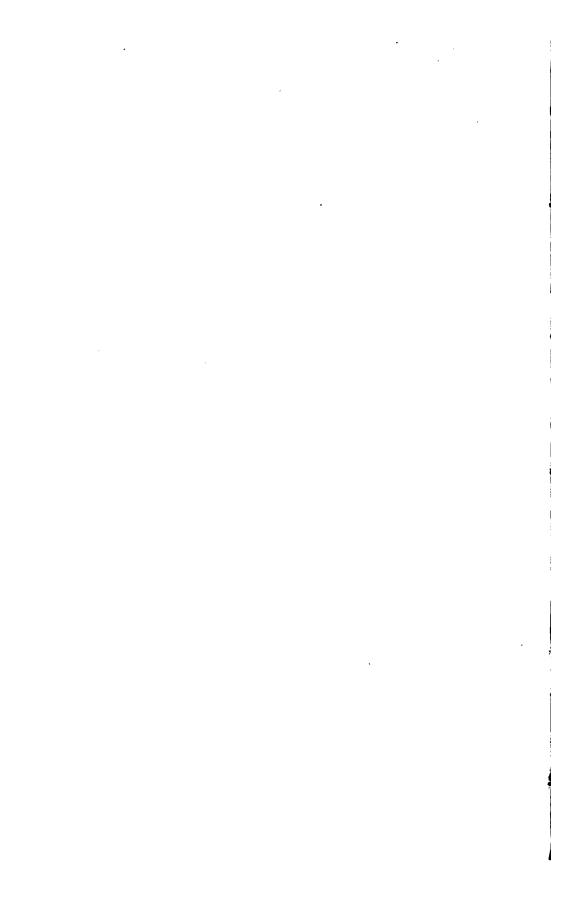
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Time and Place of Next Convention.

The place is Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, Md., Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D., pastor, and the time is the Wednesday before Trinity Sunday, June 5th, 1895, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Notice to Secretaries of District Synods.

There will be forwarded to the Secretaries of District Synods, near the time when the next Convention of the General Synod is to meet, two copies of blank Credentials. One of these blanks is to be filled up and sent to the Secretary, Rev. Wm. S. Freas, D. D., 105 S. Beaver St., York, Pa., as soon as possible upon its receipt. The second copy is to be also properly filled and placed in the hands of the Chairman of the delegation to General Synod so as to make sure that each delegation is properly accredited to the general body. Each Secretary will also notify the Secretary of General Synod where alternates will serve in place of primarii as soon as he becomes aware of the changes.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

In Session at Canton, Ohio, May 24-June 1, 1893.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND RECEPTION.

The business of General Synod is never allowed to crowd out the services which are purely devotional and the appointments of public worship. After the friction and heat which always develop when sincere and earnest men discuss the most important of all human interests, the Lord's Day brings with in its coming a sense of indescribable rest and religious joy. The appointment intended to fit the members of the Convention for the Sabbath was

The Preparatory Service.

This was held on Saturday, p. m. at 2 o'clock, and afforded a very welcome rest in the midst of the sessions of Synod. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D. D., of St. James Church, New York City, from Eph. v. 2, "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour."

The Sunday Morning Service

Was largely attended by the Synod and visiting brethren, and Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., the President of the Convention, preached to edification. This was followed in the afternoon by

The Holy Communion.

The sermon was preached by Rev. E. J. Wolf, D. D., and the whole Synod met together around the one table where all differences are forgotten and all stand on the same common level as children of the One Father.

The Sunday-School Service

Was one long to be remembered. The superintendent of the school conducted the opening services, when the management of the meeting was put into the hands of that veteran Sunday-school man, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D. The presence of two of our missionaries from the foreign field, Revs. David A. Day, D. D., and L. B. Wolf, added greatly to the interest of the hour. The addresses of these brethren moved all hearts and a most practical talk or sermon followed from the third speaker, Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, of Milton, Pa.

The Young People's Reception.

General Synod would never be complete if the young people of the entertaining congregation did not play an important part, and the Canton Convention was not at all lacking here. On Wednesday evening, at the close of the p. m. session, members of the Convention and visiting brethren with wives and friends were all included in a pressing invitation to the Sunday-school room in the rear of the Church. Here, amid flowers and youthful beauty and rich viands, Christian hospitality and kindness held sway. Rev. Dr. Barnitz was again in demand as a presiding officer, and in his own inimitable way kept the brethren in order and strictly to the subjects in hand. Henry W. Harter, Esq., spoke in behalf of "The Young People's Society" of Trinity Church, and gave all a comprehensive and royal welcome. The following brethren helped by their witty and appropriate addresses to keep up the reputation of the Lutheran Church for good humour and hearty appreciation of the good things of life: Revs. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., Wm. M. Baum, D. D., David A. Day, D. D., L. B. Wolf, J. H. Harpster, A. Freyschmidt, Chas. E. Raymond and Messrs. John M. Sarver, Wm. J. Miller, and G. G. Burnett.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD.

THIRTY-SIXTH CONVENTION.

FIRST SERVICE, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

When the hour for the opening service of the General Synod arrived, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canton, Ohio, Rev. J. H. Harpster, pastor, was well filled with the delegates elected to the biennial meeting.

The President, Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D. D., preached the opening sermon from the words "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." Rom. xiv: 19. Suspended above the altar in letters of flowers was the legend "1873—WELCOME—1893," and a choir of young men rendered choice music. At the conclusion of the service the meeting resolved itself into an informal reception and the time was given up to hand-shakings, the greeting of friends and the mutual introduction of entertainers and those who were to be entertained.

FIRST SESSION.

CANTON, OHIO, May 25, 1893. \ THURSDAY, Q A. M.

According to appointment the delegates composing the General Synod assembled in the main audience room of Trinity Church at 9 a. m. The meeting was called to order and the President Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., conducted the devotional exercises. The Order of Morning Worship was used, Ps. 122 was read responsively, and after the singing of the 149th Hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name," Rev. Wm. M. Baum, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., lead in prayer.

The credentials of all the delegations being in hand, the names of those entitled to represent the churches were duly enrolled, as follows:

ROLL OF GENERAL SYNOD AT CANTON, O., MAY, 1893.

1. SYNOD OF MARYLAND.

Pastorates, b7. Ministers, 02. Communicants, 19,435. REV. C. S. ALBERT, D. D., MR. W. H. JAMES, " M. VALENTINE, D. D., LL. D., " JOHN C. PARKER, " LUTHER KUHLMAN, " C. W. HUMRICHOUSE, W. E. PARSON, D. D., " S. W. HARMAN,

" G. W. MILLER, D. D., " J. L. BIKLE, " W. IRVING PARSONS, " P. H. MILLER,

" P. M. BIKLE, Ph. D., " W. L. ARMIGER, " A. H. STUDEBAKER, D. D.

2. WEST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Pastorates, 65. Ministers, 93. Communicants, 24,046. REV. WM. S. FREAS, D. D., PROF. E. E. CAMPBELL, " A. G. FASTNACHT, Mr. M. B. SPAHR, F. KLINEFELTER, " JERE CARL, " D. B. FLOYD, PROF. E. S. BREIDENBAUGH, " H. L. BAUGHER, D. D., MR. R. W. BREAM, " E. H. LEISENRING, " J. A. DEMPWOLF,
" J. B. REDDIG,
" A. H. ETTER.

" E. J. WOLF, D. D., " J. C. KOLLER, D. D.

3. HARTWICK SYNOD.

Pastorates, 32.

Ministers, 36.

Communicants, 4,406.

REV. JAMES PITCHER,

L. D. WELLS,

J. S. PAUL,

J. S. PAUL,

J. H. WEAVER.

Ministers, 36.

MR. F. K. SWEET,

JOHN T. SELMSER,

N. MANNING,

A. A. CONEY.

4. SYNOD OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY.

Pastorates, 42. Ministers, 36. Communicants, 8,127.

REV. J. B. REMENSNYDER, D. D.,
" T. T. EVERETT, D. D.,
" JEREMIAH ZIMMERMAN,
" G. W. FORTNEY,
" O. C. KONRAD,
" JOHN W. LAKE.
" GEO. B. HILLER.

5. EAST OHIO SYNOD.

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Pastorates, 38.	Ministers, 37.	Communicants 0,007.
REV. M. J. FIREY, D. D.,	MR. J. M. SA	ARVER,
" G. Z. COCHEL,	" L. R. BO	OWMAN,
" J. C. KAUFFMAN,	" J. W. M	ILLER,
" N. H. WEAVER.	" E. J. GR	OSSCUP.
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6. ALLEGHANY SYNOD.

Pastorates, 56. Ministers, 64. Communicants, 12,710.

REV. W. H. SETTLEMYER,

" W. A. SHIPMAN,

" A. J. BEAN,

" M. G. BOYER,

" G. W. W. AMICK,

" G. W. BAUGHMAN.

Ministers, 64. Communicants, 12,710.

CHARLES GEESEY, Esq.,

HON. J. G. BOYER,

MR. J. B. HILEMAN,

W. H. RUPPLE, Esq.,

MR. JACOB HOFFMAN.

7. EAST PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

Ministers, 92. Pastorates, 76. Communicants, 19,571. REV. T. C. BILLHEIMER, D. D., MR. HENRY S. BONER, " B. F. ALLEMAN, D. D., Prof. L. O. FOOSE, " W. H. DUNBAR, D. D., S. G. VALENTINE, PH. D., J. A. SINGMASTER, MR. WILLIAM J. MILLER, " E. HUBER, D. D., " I. O. NISSLEY, C. E. HAY. " O. L. SIGAFOOS. " WM. M. BAUM, D. D., " D. R. WILLIAMSON, D. M. GILBERT, D. D. FRANK B. WICKERSHAM, Esq.

8. SYNOD OF MIAMI.

Pastorates, 30.	Ministers, 34.	Communicants 4,235.
REV. S. A. ORT, D. D.,	Mr. D. S. RO	YER,
" J. A. HALL, D. D.,	" LOUIS !	MANSS,
" E. K. BELL, D. D.,	" G. W. H	ENGST,
" J. F. SHAFFER, D. D.	" J. W. KA	AHLER.

o. SYNOD OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Pastorates, 23.

Ministers, 28.

Communicants, 2,112.

REV. WM. SMITH.

" M. F. TROXELL. " M. RHODES, D. D.

PROF. W. S. DYSINGER, MR. GEORGE W. LEMLEY.

MR. L. M. BECK.

10. WITTENBERG SYNOD.

Pastorates, 35.

Ministers, 44.

Communicants, 7,647.

REV. S. F. BRECKENRIDGE, D. D.,

" H. L. WILES, D. D.,
" D. H. BAUSLIN, D. D.,

" E. D. SMITH, D. D.,

" G. M. GRAU, D. D.

ED. VOLRATH, Esq.,

HON, M. D. HARTER, J. L. ZIMMERMAN, Esq.,

MR. W. T. PLATT.

" D. R. HOSTERMAN.

11. OLIVE BRANCH SYNOD.

Pastorates, 22.

Ministers, 25.

Communicants, 3,191. Mr. JOHN H. OHR,

REV. J. J. YOUNG, D. D.,

" GEO. H. KNOLLENBERG.

" H. K. FENNER, D. D., " A. J. KISSELL.

12. SYNOD OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

Pastorates, 22.

Ministers, 27.

Communicants, 2,000.

REV. H. C. HAITHCOX.

" E. BROWN. " W. H. HARTMAN. MR. W. W. DAVIS,

O. B. BLACKMAN, M. D., MR. V. G. TRESSLER.

13. PITTSBURG SYNOD.

Pastorates, 45.

· Ministers, 49.

Communicants, 8,098.

REV. M. L. CULLER,

" ELI MILLER,

J. W. FOFFINBERGER,

" S. D. DAUGHERTY,

MR. C. F. STIEFEL, " D. J. REMALEY, R. B. CLARK, M. D.,

MR. H. M. KELLER.

" R. B. STARKS.

14. SYNOD OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

Pastorates, 32.

Ministers, 44.

Communicants, 8,540.

REV. J. B. FOCHT,

" F. AURAND,

J. A. EARNEST, D. D.,

S. E. SMITH. " H. C. HOLLOWAY, D. D., MR. W. T. HORTON, " W. J. DALE,

" H. G. WOLF.

" J. W. HEIM, " JOHN FLEISHER.

15. SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

Pastorates, 27.

Ministers, 37.

Communicants, 4,000.

REV. W. L. TEDROW,

" E. W. ERICK,

MR. L. W. TREACH,

" GEORGE WORLEY.

" S. P. FRYBERGER,

" B. F. STULTZ.

16. IOWA SYNOD.

Pastorates, 22.

Ministers, 23.

REV. A. B. SHRADER,

MR. AUGUST WENDT,

" W. H. BLANCKE. " S. B. BARNITZ, D. D. MR. GEO. BECHTEL, " W. P. FITZPATRICK.

17. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD.

Pastorates, 8.

Ministers, 12.

Communicants, 1,068.

Communicants, 1,472.

REV. D. SPRECHER.

(No lay Representative.)

18. FRANCKEAN SYNOD.

Pastorates, 17.

Ministers, 25.

Communicants, 2.055.

REV. G. E. HARSH, " M. W. EMPIE,

W. H. SHELLAND,

W. H. HULL, M. D., MR. JAMES HYNEY, " T. C. PLANK.

19. SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD.

Pastorates, 41. REV. J. YUTZY, Ministers, 44. Communicants, 9,961. J. W. SHEETS, M. D.,

" E. A. SHARRETTS,

HORACE ALLEMAN, Esq.,

" A. N. WARNER,

Mr. P. F. HARTRANFT.

" P. A. HEILMAN,

" MARTIN BOCK.

" J. M. REIMENSNYDER,

" W. H. BECK.

20. SYNOD OF KANSAS.

Pastorates, 37.

Ministers, 42.

Communicants, 2,804.

Communicants, 2,042.

REV. GEO. A. BOWERS, D. D.,

Mr. J. H. BERLIN,

" W. L. SEABROOK,

" J. M. CROMER,

" H. L. LARK,
" A. L. SELIG,

J. H. STOUGH, PH.D.,

" CHARLES LADWIG,

J. F. SPONSELLER,

" J. M. SEARLES.

21. SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

Pastorates, 32.

Ministers, 48.

REV. J. A. CLUTZ, D. D.,

Mr. C. J. ERNST,

" A. J. TURKLE,

" S. P. MIKESELL.

" H. W. KUHNS, D. D.,

" U. J. MARTZ.

W. C. McCOOL,

" L. P. LUDDEN,

22. WARTBURG SYNOD.

Pastorates, 26.

Ministers, 38.

Communicants, 3,766.

REV. R. G. LINKER,

" WM. SCHUELZKE,

MR. JOSEPH HEGENER,

" A. FREYSCHMIDT,

" HENRY HANSMEYER,

" F. W. KLATT,

" HENRY HEITMANN.

23. MIDDLE TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Pastorales, b.

Ministers, q.

Communicants, 781.

REV. C. E. RAYMOND.

(No lay Representative.)

24. CALIFORNIA SYNOD.

Pastorates, b.

Ministers, 10.

Communicants, 630.

REV. M. W. HAMMA, D. D.,

MR. G. G. BURNETT.

25. ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD.

Pastorates, 7.

Ministers, 7.

Communicants, 297.

REV. C. W. HEISLER,

Mr. J. C. WINTERMEYER.

26. GERMAN NEBRASKA SYNOD.

Pastorates, 28.

Ministers, 31.

Communicants, 1,993.

REV. R. NEUMAERKER,

"FRIEDRICH SCHWARZ,

MR. H. SPRICK,

" JOHN HEINZELMANN,

Total number of pastorates

842

Total number of ministers.....

1,027

Total number of communicants...... 163,514

India Conference Representative.

At this point a paper was presented accrediting to the General Synod Rev. L. B. Wolf as representing the India Conference, and on motion Revs. L. B. Wolf and David A. Day, D. D., were accorded the privileges of the floor and invited to seats as advisory members.

Election of Officers.

The President appointed tellers to conduct the election for officers, who reported the following as the choice of the delegates:

President-Rev. Charles S. Albert, D. D., Baltimore, Md.

Secretary-Rev. Wm. S. Freas, D. D., York, Pa.

Treasurer-Mr. Louis Manss, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The newly elected President was escorted to the chair by Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D., and Rev. A. H. Studebaker, D. D., and in a brief address accepted the office and returned thanks to the brethren for the honor conferred.

Presentation of Gavel.

The proceedings of the Convention were here enlivened by Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D., presenting to the General Synod a gavel, the wood of which, oak and cherry, came from Mt. Vernon, Va., and its reception by President Albert.

On motion the usual reading of the rules of order called for at this time was dispensed with.

Certain action was proposed on the matter of closing the gates of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago on Sunday, and a motion prevailed to refer the whole subject to a committee to report in the afternoon.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D. D., and was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States of America extends fraternal greeting to the Right Reverend K. H. G. von Scheele, Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Sweden, bidding him hearty welcome on his visit to our American shores, and to our American Lutheran Church, and that we hereby extend to him a most sincere and cordial invitation to visit this body, now convened in biennial session at Canton, Ohio, and we trust that he will find it accordant with his plans to comply with our request.

It was ordered that the President appoint a committee of five to extend the above invitation to Bishop von Scheele.

The hours of the meeting and adjournment of the sessions of General Synod were agreed upon as follows: 9 a. m. and 11.30 a. m.; 2 p. m. and 4.30 p. m.

On motion, adjournment was now made to allow the President time to select his committees, and Rev. M. J. Firey, D. D., closed the morning session with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

After the Convention was called to order by the President, Rev. E. H. Leisenring opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved and a number of committees announced. All the committees appointed at various times during the sessions of the Convention will be found grouped at the close of the minutes.

The special order for the day was the work of Foreign Missions, and the report of the Board was rendered and other business transacted in relation thereto. (See proceedings relating to the Board of Foreign Missions.)

The session was closed by Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., leading in prayer, remembering especially our bereaved missionary, Rev. G. P. Goll, of the African Mission.

THIRD SESSION.

Canton, O., May 26, Friday, 9 a. m.

After the usual devotional service of a half hour, led by Rev. W. L. Tedrow, the Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Cromer. The roll call was on motion dispensed with and the minutes read and approved.

Sunday at the Columbian Exposition.

The committee having in charge the subject of closing the World's Fair on Sunday, reported as follows, and their report was unanimously adopted:

Persuaded that the virtue, intelligence, prosperity and happiness of our people are due in large measure to our religious institutions, and especially the observance of the Lord's Day, the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church views with alarm and reprobation the determined effort to throw open the gates of the Columbian Exposition on the day hitherto sacred to rest and worship, thus trampling upon the religious sentiment of the Nation based upon the Law of God and guarded by an express stipulation of the federal government.

Resolved, That a copy of this declaration be forwarded to the President of the United States and to the President of the National Commission.

In this connection the following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Synod be instructed to telegraph to Attorney-General Olney the substance of the resolutions passed this morning in reference to the opening of the Columbian Exposition on the Lord's Day, and to send him by mail a certified copy of the entire resolution, and that the Secretary be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of General Synod for any expense involved.

Alleged Errors Repudiated.

Action was now taken on the above subject as here follows: Resolved, That the preamble and resolution adopted at York, Pa., in 1864,

expressing the judgment of this Synod that certain erroneous views often ascribed to certain articles of the Augsburg Confession are not contained in the same, be regularly published in the minutes of this body and in the Book of Worship, in immediate connection with the Constitution of the General Synod.

(For said preamble and resolution see page following the Constitution.)

Board of Supplies.

The Secretary of the Board of Supplies, Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., here offered its report, which was duly considered and action taken. (See proceedings relating to the Board of Supplies.)

Meeting of Welcome.

The President announced that it was desired to hold a meeting of welcome to the General Synod, at which the Governor of the State and the Mayor of Canton would be present, and on motion a committee of five was ordered, to make all proper arrangements for the same.

Home Missions.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions being now in order, it was read by the Secretary, Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, and duly considered. (See proceedings relating to the Board of Home Missions.)

The Devotional Committee also offered its report, which is as follows:

Devotional Services.

Your Committee on Devotional Services beg leave to submit the following report:

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Canton, O., a. m., Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., President of General Synod; p. m., Rev. S. A. Ort, D. D.; Sunday School meeting at 9 a. m., Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., presiding. Speakers, Rev. L. B. Wolf; Rev. D. A. Day, D. D., Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder.

Simpson M. E. Church—a. m., Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D.; p. m., Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D.

First M. E.—a. m., Rev. George A. Bowers, D. D.; p. m., Rev. A. H. Studebaker, D. D.

First Presbyterian—a. m., Rev. G. M. Grau, D. D.; p. m., Rev. T. T. Everett, D. D.

First United Brethren-a. m., Rev. G. E. Harsh; p. m., Rev. H. C. Haithcox.

First Baptist—a. m., Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D.; p. m., Rev. C. W. Heisler.

Trinity Reformed—a. m., Jeremiah Zimmerman; p. m., Rev. M. Rhodes,
D. D.

Grace Evangelical—a. m., Rev. L. P. Ludden; p. m., Rev. B. F. Stultz. First Congregational.—a. m., Rev. A. Stewart Hartman; p. m., Rev. J. Yutzy. Wadsworth, O.—a. m., Rev. H. K. Fenner, D. D.; p. m., Rev. E. W. Erick. Wooster, O.—a. m., Rev. J. M. Cromer; p. m., Rev. J. B. Focht. Cincinnati, O.—a. m., Rev. D. B. Floyd.

Mansfield, O .- Rev. L. D. Wells.

Akron, O.—a. m., Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D.; p. m., Rev. D. A. Day, D. D. Alliance, O.—Rev. J. N. Lenker.

Canal Dover, O .- Rev. A. B. Shrader.

Avenzville, Ills .- Rev. R. G. Linker.

German Evangelical Church, Lovell, O.—a. m., Rev. C. E. Raymond; p. m., Rev. Wm. Schuelzke.

J. H. HARPSTER, A. J. TURKLE, J. C. KAUFFMAN.

The session ended with prayer by Rev. R. G. Linker.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Rev. D. Sprecher made the opening prayer. The Minutes were read and approved.

Home Missions being still the order, the recommendations of the Board were taken up and adopted and the report adopted as a whole. (See proceedings relating to the Board of Home Missions.)

The session of the Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. C. Billheimer, D. D.

FIFTH SESSION.

Canton, Ohio, May 27th, Saturday, 9 a. m.

After the devotional meeting, which was led by Rev. H. C. Haithcox, the Convention was called to order and Rev. J. Yutzy was called on to lead in prayer.

The roll call was omitted and the minutes of the last session read and approved.

Greetings from the South.

It was agreed that the fraternal representative from the South be now heard, and Rev. O. C. Miller presented the greetings of his body in an earnest address, to which President Albert made appropriate response.

Report of the Hymn Book Publishing Company.

The report of the Hymn Book Publishing Committee was now offered, and Mr. Wm. J. Miller read the account of business transacted, and on motion, the report was referred to a committee for audit. It here follows:

To the President and Members of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, convened at Canton, Ohio, May 24th 1803.

Your Hymn-book Publishing Committee herewith respectfully present the following as their biennial report:

The only instructions given our Committee at the last session of this body, held at Lebanon, Pa., in May of 1891, were those recorded on page 45, in your published proceedings; namely, "That arrangements be made to publish the German Evangelical Lutheran Hymn Book, heretofore published by Mrs. Wollenweber, together with the Augsburg Confession, Services, etc., arranged to correspond with the present Book of Worship, and in the larger edition, the Catechism also." "To carry out this work as promptly as possible," the President appointed "five of our German brethren," directing them "to present the result of their labors to your Hymn-book Publishing Committee for publication."

The completed copy not having reached our Committee, we have been unable to publish the desired German Hymn-book. The "Common Service" in German has been published as directed.

We present with this a statement of our account with the Lutheran Publication House, showing a balance of \$1064.95 due them; we also present the cancelled due bill referred to in said account.

It is gratifying to note that 1256 copies more of the "Book of Worship with Tunes" have been sold during this biennium than during that ending with March, 1891.

WM. J. MILLER,

THEOP. H. SMITH, WM. C. STOEVER, ARCHIBALD R. DEWEY, J. MILLARD KESSLER.

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At this time greetings to the General Synod were read from Mr. Robt. Weidensall and the Cumberland Valley Conference of the West Penna. Synod in session at McConnellsburg, Pa.

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Rev. Wm. M. Baum, D. D., reported for the committee on the Overture of the Northern Indiana Synod, as follows:

Committee on Overture of Northern Indiana Synod.

To your Committee were referred the proceedings of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Synod of Northern Indiana, with the following action marked for our consideration, as recorded on page 30:

Whereas, Our Book of Worship in its present form is too large for convenience; and

Whereas, Many of our people object to and utterly refuse to use the socalled "Common Service," and refuse to purchase the book on account of it; therefore

- 1. Resolved, That we as a Synod respectfully but very earnestly petition that the General Synod, at its next meeting, instruct the Board of Publication to publish an edition of the Book of Worship sufficiently large to supply the demand, omitting the aforesard Service.
- 2. Resolved, That we hereby instruct our Delegates to the General Synod to present this memorial.

Your Committee has given this Memorial careful consideration, and as a fitting and respectful response, we recommend that this General Synod do now, by special vote, declare its acceptance or refusal of the request it presents.

We offer the following question for decision: "Shall the petition of the Northern Synod of Indiana be granted?"

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. BAUM,
W. E. PARSON,
J. F. SHAFFER,
E. D. SMITH,
G. B. HILLER,
J. G. BOYER,
W. S. DYSINGER.

Upon the presentation of the above the following was offered:

Resolved, That we adopt the report of the committee and that the request of said Synod be not granted.

(For action, see Eighth Session.)

After discussion, the time of adjournment having arrived, it was agreed to meet in special session in the evening, and that the interests of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be the special order, to be followed by the report on the Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. H. K. Fenner, D. D.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 7.30 P. M.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Miller, D. D., and the minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The following report was now offered and on motion adopted:

Report on Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The closing decade of the nineteenth century is peculiarly a period of surprising activities and of marvelous progress. In church life and religious ministrations Christian women have come to the throne of power and influence. Less than a score of years ago, women were literally compelled to keep silence in the churches. But within the last decade this is changed; woman's hand is now busy in all the missionary and benevolent activities of the church, and her heart is intent upon the development of resources as never before.

There has been no convention of our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society since the last meeting of the General Synod. The Canton meeting of the Missionary Society was held the week prior to the meeting of the General Synod at Lebanon, and the meeting of 1893 will not be held until June 24, after the sessions of this Synod have closed. Your committee therefore has been placed under peculiar disadvantages in gathering matter of interest, but nevertheless, through the kindness of the corresponding secretary, we are able to present some facts and figures which show in a most encouraging degree the progress that is being made.

Twelve years ago the Convention was held in this city for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church. The meeting was composed of women who represented Missionary Societies newly formed, but with sufficient experience and enthusiasm to effect a strong organization. Many had grave fears of such an undertaking, some opposed it, but God smiled upon that first General Convention of the women of our churches which was held in Canton in 1881. It was then revealed that

there were 153 societies in 13 Synods, reporting a membership of 4,019, and contributions to the amount of \$7,067.93. Two years later there were 237 societies, 6,394 members, and contributions amounting to \$11,379.85. In 1885 there were 330 societies, with a membership of 9,525, and contributions amounting to \$18,744.52. In 1887 there were 425 societies, with 11,129 membership and \$25,117.10 contributed. In 1891 there were 575 societies, membership of 16,293, and \$35,209 contributed. In June, 1893, the corresponding secretary will report 677 societies, 18,397 membership, and \$37,457.29 contributed. The total sum contributed during the last decade amounts to \$157,132.47, and from the beginning, \$164,200.40. This is certainly a splendid record. The work has made rapid and substantial progress from the beginning. It has not only supplemented and increased the efficiency of the different Boards, but has stimulated the churches to increased offerings for missions. The Woman's Missionary Society has revolutionized the parochial reports of many of our congregations, and filled blank places with eloquent figures.

But splendid as this record is with gratifying results and triumphant progress, there yet remains much land to be possessed. It must not be forgotten that many congregations have two and sometimes three missionary societies, so that the number of congregations having societies amounts to only 491leaving nearly 1000 congregations without missionary societies. In the Iowa Synod 14 congregations have societies and 13 have none; Northern Illinois Synod, 18 congregations with societies, 27 with none; East Pennsylvania Synod, 30 congregations with societies, 80 with none; Miami, 18 congregations with societies, 25 with none; Pittsburgh, 31 congregations with societies, 52 with none; Nebraska, 21 congregations with societies, 33 with none; Kansas, 23 congregations with societies, 26 with none; Maryland, 44 congregations with societies, 78 with none; Alleghany, 30 congregations with societies, 105 with none; Central Pennsylvania, 56 congregations with societies, 30 with none; East Ohio, 15 congregations with societies, 59 with none; Wittenberg, 17 congregations with societies, 55 with none; New York and New Jersey, 18 congregations with societies, 24 with none; Susquehanna, 24 congregations with societies, 45 with none; Northern Indiana, 17 congregations with societies, 46 with none; West Pennsylvania, 34 congregations with societies, 103 with none; Olive Branch, 18 congregations with societies, 13 with none; Hartwick, 20 congregations with societies, 14 with none; Franckean, 12 congregations having societies, 22 with none; Central Illinois, 12 congregations with societies, 16 with none; Middle Tennessee, 3 congregations having societies, 8 congregations with none; California, 7 congregations having societies, there being a society in every congregation.

In view of the foregoing exhibit of the work, your committee would recommend the reaffirmation of the action of two years ago, namely:

1. That we recognize in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society a most efficient and commendable agency in the promotion of benevolence, in the increase of activity and religious zeal, a marvel in growth and

development, and a most welcome co-adjutor in the benevolent work of the church.

- 2. That we earnestly entreat pastors in connection with the General Synod in whose charges Auxilliary Societies do not exist, or only to a partial extent, to do all in their power to have them organized at as early a day as practicable, and where they do exist that they lend them every encouragement necessary to secure their greatest efficiency and thereby comply with the Apostle's injunction to "help those women also, who labor with us in the gospel."
- 3. That Young People's Societies and Children's Bands in connection with Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies be also organized, not only to secure greater efficiency in the present, but also to develop the young as fully and speedily as possible in the noble grace of liberality.
- 4. That the singere thanks of the General Synod be and are hereby tendered this body of noble workers, for their valuable contributions toward our Home and Foreign work.

We present herewith a tabulated chart showing number of societies, membership, and amount of contributions by Synodical Societies, for each Biennium from 1881 to the present time, with the recommendation that it be printed with this report.

It was agreed that the tabulated statement mentioned above be printed in the minutes, and it here follows: expressing the judgment of this Synod that certain erroneous views often ascribed to certain articles of the Augsburg Confession are not contained in the same, be regularly published in the minutes of this body and in the Book of Worship, in immediate connection with the Constitution of the General Synod.

(For said preamble and resolution see page following the Constitution.)

Board of Eupplies.

The Secretary of the Board of Supplies, Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., here offered its report, which was duly considered and action taken. (See proceedings relating to the Board of Supplies.)

Mesting of Welcome.

The President announced that it was desired to hold a meeting of welcome to the General Synod, at which the Governor of the State and the Mayor of Canton would be present, and on motion a committee of five was ordered, to make all proper arrangements for the same.

Home Missions.

The Report of the Board of Home Missions being now in order, it was read by the Secretary, Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, and duly considered. (See proceedings relating to the Board of Home Missions.)

The Devotional Committee also offered its report, which is as follows:

Devotional Services.

Your Committee on Devotional Services beg leave to submit the following report:

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Canton, O., a. m., Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., President of General Synod; p. m., Rev. S. A. Ort, D. D.; Sunday School meeting at 9 a. m., Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., presiding. Speakers, Rev. L. B. Wolf; Rev. D. A. Day, D. D., Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder.

Simpson M. E. Church—a. m., Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D.; p. m., Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D.

First M. E.—a. m., Rev. George A. Bowers, D. D.; p. m., Rev. A. H. Studebaker, D. D.

First Presbyterian—a. m., Rev. G. M. Grau, D. D.; p. m., Rev. T. T. Everett, D. D.

First United Brethren—a. m., Rev. G. E. Harsh; p. m., Rev. H. C. Haith-cox.

Governor McKinley and Mayor Cassidy Welcome the General Synod.

At this point the Committee appointed to arrange for a reception of the General Synod, by the Governor of the State of Ohio, and the Mayor of the City of Canton, appeared upon the platform, escorting these distinguished officials, who were duly presented to the President.

In a happy manner, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., of Washington, D. C., introduced to the audience Governor Wm. McKinley, Jr., who spoke as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: It gives me real pleasure to meet the representative delegates of the Lutheran Synod of the United States. It is specially pleasing to me to meet you in our own State, and in the city which I am always honored to call my home. It was a disappointment to me that I could not have been here at your assembling to bid you welcome as the Governor of the State, on behalf of all its people. I am sure you have felt at home in the State, and have been hospitably entertained by the good people of Canton, and no words of mine can add to the welcome you have already had. We are glad you have come. We welcome the coming to our state of any assemblage of earnest, thoughtful, religious men. Such an assemblage can meet nowhere without being at once an education and inspiration.

Respect for true religion and righteous life is on the increase. Men no longer feel constrained to conceal their faith to avoid derision. The religious believer merits and receives the highest consideration at the hands of his neighbors and countrymen, however much they may disagree with him; and when his life is made to conform to his religious profession, his influence is widespread and almost without limitation. No man gets on so well in this world as he whose daily walk and conversation are clean and consistent, whose heart is pure, and whose life is honorable. A religious spirit helps every man. It is at once a comfort and an inspiration in every relation of life. There is no substitute for it. There is nothing to take its place. It may be assailed by its enemies, as it has been, but they offer nothing in its stead. It has stood the test of centuries and has never failed to help and bless mankind. It is stronger to-day than at any previous period of its history, and the Church is ever promoting its permanency and power. The world has use for the young man who is well grounded in principle, who has reverence for truth and religion, and courageously follows their teachings. Employment awaits his coming, and honor crowns his path. More than all this—conscious of rectitude, he meets the cares of life with courage—the duties which confront him he discharges with manly honesty, Religion purifies our citizenship and establishes more firmly the foundations of our free institutions. The men who established this Government had faith in God and sublimely trusted him. They besought

his counsel and advice in every step of our progress. And so it has been ever since. American History abounds in instances of this trait of piety—the sincere reliance on a higher power in all the great trials of our national affairs. Our rulers may not have always been observers of the outward forms of religion, but we have never had a President from Washington to Cleveland who publicly avowed infidelity or scoffed at the faith of the masses of our people. There was a sentiment of reverence for religion, of reliance upon over-ruling Providence, which marked every step in the Revolution and the formation of the Government. The manifestoes, the proclamations, speeches, resolutions, orders, of the early patriots, all of them, carried faith in religion and a respect for piety which have given character to our institutions and stability to our national policy. While insisting upon the absolute separation of Church and State, religion has never been discouraged, but has always been conspicuous in our National life.

When General Washington was inaugurated President of the United States for the first time, on the 30th day of April, 1789, in the city of New York, he uttered these noble words in his inaugural address:

"It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Father who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that his benediction may be secured to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States and the Government instituted by themselves, and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success the functions allotted to its charge. In tendering this homage to the Great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own, nor those of my fellow citizens at large less than either. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of man more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency. In the important revolution just accomplished, in the system of their United Government, the tranquil deliberations and voluntary consent of so many distinct committees from which the event has resulted cannot be compared with the means by which most governments have been established, without some return of pious gratitude, along with an humble anticipation of the future blessings which the past seems to presage. These reflections, arising out of the present crisis, have forced themselves too strongly on my mind to be suppressed. You will join with me, I trust, in thinking that there are none, under the influence of which the proceedings of a new and free government can more auspiciously commence."

The Senate, in making its reply to the President's inaugural, said:

"When we contemplate the rise, progress and termination of the late war, which gave this people a name among the nations of the earth, we are, with you, inevitably led to acknowledge and adore the Great Arbiter of the universe, by whom empires rise and fall."

And then closing: "We commend to you, sir, the protection of Almighty God, earnestly beseeching him to long preserve the life so valuable and dear to the people of the United States."

What more befitting beginning for a government of free people? And, adding its sanction, Congress passed unanimously the following resolution:

"Resolved, That after the oath shall have been administered to the President, he, attended by the Vice-President, and the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, proceed to St. Paul's Chapel to hear divine services, to be performed by the Chaplain of Congress already appointed."

And in a body the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal Government sought the sanctuary and invoked the blessing of the Divine Father upon the new Government then launched, and the officers who were charged with its administration.

This sentiment of reliance upon Divine Power has marked the progress of the Republic at every stage. Lincoln, like Washington, illustrated in his life and administration an abiding faith in God. It is seen in his first Inaugural Address, and in most of his public utterances which followed.

On March 4th, 1861, he said:

"If the Almighty Ruler, with his eternal truth and justice, be on your side of the North, or yours of the South, that truth and justice will surely prevail by the great tribunal of the American people. Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity and a firm reliance on him who has never yet forsaken his favored land, are still competent to adjust in the best way all our present difficulties."

Mr. James Bryce, a member of the English Parliament, who has written a most interesting work called "The American Commonwealth," and has shown great intelligence and great knowledge in the study of our laws, customs and polity, states the relation of religion to our Government. He says: "The whole matter may, I think, be summed up by saying that Christianity is, in fact, understood to be, though not the legally established religion, yet the national religion. So far from thinking their Commonwealth godless, the American conceives that its religious character of Government consists in nothing but the religious belief of the individual citizens and the conformity of their conduct to that belief. They deem the general acceptance of Christianity to be one of the main sources of their national prosperity, and their nation a special object of the Divine favor. They have an intelligent interest in the form of faith they profess, are pious without superstition and zealous without bigotry."

But, gentlemen, I am not here to make an address, but to express to you the good feeling of all of our people, whatever may be their religion, towards your Synod, greatly desiring your prosperity and the prosperity of true Christianity. Your coming here will do us good, and we want you while here to have the best of all we have, and when you leave to take the best we can give you—our sincere regard and our hearts' best wishes in the noble work in which you are engaged.

After the applause elicited by this address, the President of the General Synod responded.

Response of President Albert.

In the name of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, it gives me great pleasure to greet the distinguished Governor of the great Commonwealth of Ohio. The State of Ohio is a great State, wondrous in fertility and rich in natural resources. It has produced able legislators who have swayed the Senate and House of Representatives of the Nation by their far-reaching statesmanship, great thoughts and eloquence, It has given honored Presidents to the country; among them is one, a martyred President, whose ashes rest upon the shores of your great lake, hallowed in the hearts and memories of the nation.

Ohio has just cause to be proud of her name and record. Her name has gone out into the world, though sometimes it must be confessed that the pardonable pride of her sons has found her name where it did not exist. I have been creditably informed of a singular mistake of one of your distinguished citizens. He had been sent to Japan by the Government. In Japan the word for good morning is ohio. As he sauntered down the street the first morning, hearing "ohio" on every side, he asked a friend, "How does it come that all these people know I am from Ohio?"

It is delightful this evening to recall that the Lutheran Church and the State have always been allies in the maintenance of justice and righteousness, and in their efforts to maintain and increase the common weal.

The State is the representative of the divine order in the outward maintenance of righteousness and justice. The State bears the sword, enforces the laws and preserves the public peace and confidence. The Church is the representative of the divine order in the spiritual world. The Church deals with the heart, bears the message of redemption to the sinful, brings power to the helpless, inculcates the motives, principles, and presents divine help by which righteousness toward God and man becomes possible and good government and citizenship are assured. The Church brings consolation to the weary and sorrowing, enlarges this life with eternity and opens at last the gates of heaven to the faithful and believing.

The State is a mighty factor in happiness and prosperity. In the noble work of the Duke of Argyll, "The Unseen Foundation of Society," he emphasizes the neglected elements in the social welfare which men overlook. Many claim that they are entitled to all the results which come from their own labor. It is false, for there are elements which must be before labor is profitable—among them the unseen presence and protection of a strong and good government. There is to-day no more productive spot in this fair earth than the Delta of the Euphrates, the home of wheat, so rich that even the fertile fields of Ohio cannot equal it. Yet, because of oppressive government, because there is no secure possession guaranteed by unseen law, the country is a wreck and a ruin. A good government makes prosperity possible.

The Lutheran Church in the past has strengthened the State and has in turn been protected by the State. In the city of Worms there is a noble monument which in sculptured stone sets forth the convictions of Germany. In the centre is the mighty figure of Martin Luther, head upraised to heaven, his hand on the open Bible. It typifies the inward life and inspiration. Before him are the statues of John the Constant and Philip the Landgrave of Hesse, by whose protection Luther was enabled to proclaim the saving truth of the Word of God. The State and the Church are linked together.

The Lutheran Church has ever continued in this relation to the State, training her members to carry into their citizenship the divine obligation of duty. How strikingly was this exemplified in the Franco-Prussian War. Louis Napoleon one night visited the camps. The French were singing songs of love and pleasure, but, as he drew near the German camps, he heard a mighty choral of praise and trust going up to God. He know then that he was conquered. He could not overcome soldiers in whose hearts were divine convictions.

We welcome you with pleasure. With righteous men in official positions, prosperity is possible in this land.

To-night then, as the representatives of the Lutheran Church, we also say that the Lutheran Church has stood by our own government ever since it has been established. To-day your great Commonwealth has no better citizens than your Lutheran people. We extend to you the right hand of fellowship and welcome you to our midst.

The Mayor's Welcome.

The Mayor of Canton, Mr. R. A. Cassidy, was next introduced to the Synod by Rev. J. H. Harpster, and in a witty address, which was received with many manifestations of pleasure, welcomed the members of the Convention to the homes and hospitality of Canton. An appropriate response was made in behalf of the General Synod by Rev. T. T. Everett, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

This impromptu reception was fitly closed by all the members of General Synod and visiting brethren coming forward and being presented personally to the Governor and Mayor.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Canton, O, May 29, MONDAY, 9 A. M.

After the devotional service of a half hour, which was led by Rev. C. E. Raymond, the meeting was called to order and Rev.

M. G. Boyer was asked to lead in prayer. On motion the calling of the roll was dispensed with and the minutes were read and approved, with the understanding that the address of Governor Mc-Kinley and the response of President Albert be published.

The report of the Board of Church Extension being now in order, it was read by the Secretary, Rev. H. H. Weber. (See Proceedings relating to the Board of Church Extension.)

Treasurer's Report.

The report of the Treasurer of the General Synod was now read and referred to a committee for audit. It is as follows:

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It was agreed that the interests of the Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pa., be made the order for two o'clock this afternoon.

Thanks to Mr. A. Gebhart.

The thanks of the General Synod by unanimous vote were tendered to Mr. A. Gebhart for his long and faithful services as Treasurer of the same.

Temperance.

The following report was now offered and adopted as read:

Your Committee on Temperance, appreciating the well known advanced and positive sentiment of the General Synod on this vital subject, as set forth in its frequent deliverances, notably that at Allegheny, Pa., 1889, declaring for Prohibition of the entire traffic and sale of intoxicating drinks; and recognizing more and more fully its audacious demands, and its murderous inroads upon the family, the church, and the State; and learning with great sadness, that not content with its most desolating effects in Christian communities, it is forcing itself upon the un-Christian and uncivilized nations, thus blocking the way of the church, at home and abroad; and impressed that it is the purpose and province of law, "to make it easy to do right, and hard to do wrong"—your committee, would therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That as a Church, we deem it our duty to put forth every effort to overthrow this horrible iniquity.

Resolved, That, as Christian citizens we endeavor to so crystallize our sentiment into law, that it will soon be impossible to legally manufacture and sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage in our land.

Resolved, That we herewith petition the General Government, through our Chief Executive, that our nation co-operate in the international effort to protest against, and if possible prohibit, the introduction of strong drink into the Congo Free State, and other parts of Africa.

Resolved, That, all possible means be employed in the work of instructing and fortifying the young under our care, against the ravages of this evil.

Your Committee has had placed in its hands the announcement of a World's Temperance Congress, composed of representatives of all temperance and religious bodies, from or among all nationalities in sympathy with the Temperance Reform, called by the World's Temperance Committee, to meet in Chicago, on Monday, June 5, 1893. The Congress will be for deliberation only.

It is asked that all national organizations send at least seven representatives. Your committee would recommend that the invitation be accepted, and that such a representation be appointed, and their names and addresses be sent promptly to J. N. Stearns, No. 58 Reade St., N. Y., Sec. World's Temperance Committee.

Also, that the Secretary forward a certified copy of the resolution in reference to the introduction of intoxicants into the Congo Free State and other parts of Africa, to the President of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. MILLER,
A. G. FASTNACHT,
L. D. WELLS,
M. G. BOYER,
L. R. BOWMAN,
W. IRVING PARSONS,
F. K. SWEET.

It was ordered that the fixing of a time for final adjournment be put into the hands of a committee to report this afternoon.

Certain resolutions on the bonding of Treasurers of Synods, &c., were read, and a motion to adopt the same was pending at adjournment. After announcements, Rev. B. F. Alleman, D. D., offered the closing prayer.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 P. M.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. J. A. Earnest, D. D., and the minutes were read and approved.

It was agreed that the report of the Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund Society be heard immediately after the report on the Orphans' Home at Loysville was disposed of. This latter being now in order, was read by Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., the President of the Board of Trustees, and after consideration adopted. It is as follows:

Orphans' Home.

In presenting the Report of the Tressler Orphans' Home, we are at a loss what items to select. So many matters connected with this work demand the

attention of the church, that the time and space allowed us is entirely inadequate to present anything like a satisfactory statement.

First of all I desire, in my official capacity as President of the Board and in the name of our orphan children, to express appreciation of the generous contributions to this work from the Church during the last two years. Eight years ago the offerings amounted to less than \$2000. The contributions for the last year, thus far remitted to us, amounted to \$8278.35. To this are to be added Christmas offerings of the substantial value of no less than \$800.

An item of very great importance to us, to which we desire to call general attention, is the perplexity in which the management often finds itself by reason of the delay in remitting funds intended for our use. This gave us little concern so long as we could avail ourselves of generous appropriations from other sources to meet our immediate wants. On June, 1892, by reason of the provision made in the appointment of the Soldier's Orphan Commission of the State of Pennsylvania, requiring them to consolidate in their own institutions when the number of children in their care had been diminished to a certain number, all the soldiers' orphan children were transferred from our institution. Since that time we have been compelled to depend altogether on the funds from the Church to meet our current wants. A moment's consideration of the daily demand upon our resources to meet the supply of an ordinary family, will enable you to appreciate the heavy draft upon our treasury constantly to meet the wants of our large family of over 100 children. And the demand is of such a character that it must be met. The table for the hungry little ones must be supplied. We therefore must earnestly ask that all moneys collected for the Orphan's Home be forwarded at once. We have reason to believe that when all the collections for the past year reach us, the offering will amount to no less than \$10,000.

The claim must also be pressed upon the Church for increased contributions to this cause. We have now 109 church orphans at the Home—a larger number than in any former year in the history of the Home. During the year from June 1, 1892, to June 1, 1893, there were admitted 26. Within the last month no less than 20 applications have come to hand. These are nearly all cases of great need. Some of them must be admitted before the fall. The Church must provide for at least 150 children.

At the last meeting of the Board the Executive Committee was instructed to fix a rate of apportionment, to be based upon the amount necessary, with all proper economy, to meet the demand. A careful calculation made it evident that a contribution of no less than 15 cents per member was necessary. From this was deducted 5 cents, in view of the income from our invested fund, making the amount asked from the Synods in Pennsylvania and Maryland 10 cents per member. We can not possibly carry on our present work for less than this. And the constantly increasing claims upon us will make it necessary for the management to ask for increased contributions.

The affairs at the Home have been most efficiently managed by the Superintendent, Chas. A. Widle, to whom with the matron, Miss H. Emma Eppley, is due much credit for the present delightful condition of the Home. We are also glad to announce that through the liberality of a number of friends of the institution, a long-felt want has been in a measure supplied in a fund for a Home library. This fund has been secured largely through the personal efforts of the matron. It now amounts to \$710, and was raised by individual gifts of \$10 each. The Publication House has already filled a large order of carefully selected volumes for this library. This can, however, only be regarded as a beginning. Additional offerings of \$10 will be gladly received.

We also want to call attention to the little paper printed by the boys at the Home, "Orphan Home Echoes." Believing that this paper has already accomplished much for the Home, we desire to continue it, and should like to have at least 1000 subscribers.

This cause is one that appeals to the hearts of all God's children. I need add no word to enforce it. We believe that our people need only to know the need to respond cheerfully and liberally. "Children's Day" falls on June 11th. May the Holy Spirit so direct the services of that day that it may be a day of holy joy to all the little ones of the Church, and a day of large contributions, that it may be a day of blessed joy for the homeless little ones of the Church.

W. H. DUNBAR,

President of the Board.

In this connection a paper was presented concerning the Orphans' Asylum at Syracuse, N. Y., and was on motion referred to a committee for consideration and report.

Pastors' Fund Society.

The report on the Pastors' Fund was then read by its Treasurer, Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., and the account put into the hands of a committee for auditing.

REV. L. E. ALBERT, D. D., in account with the Pastors' Fund Society of the General Synod:

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Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER E. ALBERT.

In the same connection, the standing committee, composed of its Trustees, to which was referred proposed changes in the Pastors' Fund Society, reported as follows, and the several recommendations of the report were taken up and adopted.

Report of the Pastors' Pund Committee.

At the meeting of the General Synod held at Lebanon, Pa., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the Ministerial Annuity Fund be referred to the Pastors' Fund Committee, to take into consideration the changing of the Constitution of the Pastors' Fund Society, so as to constitute a Board with nine directors, and also the adding of such features from the aforesaid report as may contribute to the greater efficiency of the Society; the whole to be laid before the General Synod at its next biennial meeting for action.

After a careful consideration of the matter referred to the Pastors' Fund Committee, the Committee offer the following:

That in view of the present prosperity of the Pastors' Fund, and the increased interest that is taken in it, together with the fact that it is an incorporated body, and that changes in its charter should not be made unless absolutely necessary, and also that many of the features in the Ministerial Annuity Fund could not probably be adopted without an amendment of its charter, and would not in the opinion of the Committee tend to the greater efficiency of the Society; therefore, the Committee would respectfully report,

- That in its judgment, the Constitution of the Pastors' Fund Society should remain unchanged.
- 2. That the Board of Trustees be empowered to employ a paid Secretary, as soon as in the judgment of said Board it shall be deemed advisable or necessary to do so, at a salary to be fixed by the Board.
- That the Board formulate a series of By-Laws for its government, and report them for approval at the next meeting of the General Synod.

L. E. ALBERT,

For the Committee.

Final Adjournment.

The following report was now offered:

Your Committee appointed to report on a time for the final adjournment of the Thirty-Sixth Convention, having carefully canvassed the matter with a special representative of the railroads, and also with officers of Synod and the Committee of Transportation, suggest Monday, June 5th, as a suitable time.

SAMUEL B. BARNITZ, S. G. VALENTINE, J. W. KAHLER.

Adopted.

The Proposition for Two Books of Worship.

The report of the committee on the Overture of the Northern Indiana Synod was now the order, and on request the resolution before the Synod was divided. The first part called for the adoption of the report of the committee, and was agreed to. The second part was to the effect "that the request of said Synod be not granted." After various substitutes had been offered and withdrawn or rejected, the simple proposition to not grant the Overture was agreed to by the vote of 139 to 44. The report will be found on page 15.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Eli Huber, D. D.

NINTH SESSION.

Canton, O., May 30th., Tuesday, 9 a. m.

The Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. S. E. Smith, and the minutes were read and approved.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, The continued growth and liberality of our churches bring larger amounts of money into the treasuries of the General Synod, of the District Synods, and of the various Boards and Societies connected with the General Synod, thus increasing financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, The possible loss of funds by mistakes and maladministration involves grave breaches of trust and the loss of the confidence of the people; therefore,

- 1. Resolved, That in accordance with the Constitution (Art. III, Sec. 4), the treasurer of the General Synod be hereby required to give bond to the amount of \$5,000, which bond must be approved by the President and Secretary, as well as by two members of the delegation from the Synod to which the Treasurer belongs.
- 2. Resolved, That the Boards under the immediate control of the General Synod be hereby requested, in accordance with the Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 5), to require of their respective treasurers "to give suitable bonds for the faithful performance of their duties."
- 3. Resolved, That we hereby earnestly recommend and urge all other agencies and auxiliaries of the General Synod to require ample security from their respective treasurers.

Certain resolutions were offered by Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., and after being read were made the special order after the interests of the Board of Education have received consideration.

The report of the committee on the reception of the Immanuel Synod was now presented and adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Application of the Immanuel Synod.

Your committee, to which has been referred the application of the German Immanuel Synod for reception into this body, would beg leave to report the following: 1st. We find that the doctrinal basis of this body, as stated in the constitution placed in our hands, is as follows: "This Synod receives all the canonical books of the Old and New Testiments as the written word of God and the only rule of our faith and life, and grounds itself in the interpretation of the same upon the entire confessional writings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially the unaltered Augsburg Confession and Dr. Martin Luther's Catechism." 2d. We find that this body is composed of eighteen members; that five of the eighteen reside upon the territory of the Synod of New York and New Jersey, four in Pennsylvania, three in Michigan, and others in Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

The brethren present at this meeting to represent the Immanuel Synod are Revs. H. K. Miller and John Heiniger. They assure us of the intention of the body they represent to adopt the doctrinal basis of the General Synod. Your committee would recommend the following:

- 1. That, inasmuch as the Immanuel Synod has not *already* adopted the exact doctrinal basis of the General Synod, the request for admission to this body at this time be not granted.
- 2. That we advise the brethren belonging to the Immanuel Synod to unite, if practicable, at the earliest day possible, with the district synods of the General Synod upon the territory of which they may reside.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. BAUSLIN,
JOHN J. YOUNG,
J. C. KOLLER,
C. E. RAYMOND,
LOUIS MANSS,
J. G. C. TADDIKEN,
C. F. SELMSER.

It was agreed that the report of the Catechism committee be the first order of business for the afternoon meeting.

At this time the General Synod gave way to a meeting of the Publication Society. (See Proceedings of the Publication Society.)

Upon resuming business after this Society had adjourned, it was ordered that 300 copies of the resolutions and paper offered by Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., be printed for the use of the delegates.

It was

Resolved, That in recognition of this day, sacred to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the war of the rebellion, we take a recess till 3 o'clock.

Rev. H. L. Wiles, D. D., closed the session with prayer.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 3 P. M.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. G. Z. Cochel, and the minutes of the morning session were read and approved, after which the General Synod adjourned for a meeting of the Publication Society. (See Proceedings of the Publication Society.)

Upon the conclusion of the business of this Society, the report of the Catechism Committee was read by its chairman, Rev. H. L. Baugher, D. D., and here follows:

Your committee on "A Development of Luther's Small Catechism" respectfully report that, in accordance with instructions given them at the last General Synod, they have taken note of all criticisms made on their work, and with these in view have carefully revised the whole work again, and offer as the result of their labors the little volume which has been placed in the hands of each delegate to this body.

We recommend that the Hymn Book Publishing Committee be directed to publish the same at once for use in the churches, that the value of the work may be tested by practical experience.

We further recommend that the committee, with the addition of two pastors, be continued, that to them may be referred any criticisms that may arise from practical use, looking to the best adaptation of the work to the Church's needs, with authority to report whenever they have any suggestions justifying changes.

Respectfully submitted,

H. LOUIS BAUGHER,

C. S. ALBERT, A. J. IMHOFF,

H. ZIEGLER.

For amendments and final action see Thirteenth Session.

Whilst this report was under discussion the time for adjournment arrived, and the session was concluded with prayer by Rev. J. H. Stough.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

Canton, O., May 31ST, WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

After devotional services, led by Rev. M. F. Troxell, the Synod was called to order, and opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D. The roll call was omitted by general consent, and the minutes were read and approved.

The mileage committee now reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Mileage.

Your Committee on Mileage submit the following as their report:

	Amount Claimed.		Amount Allowed.	
Maryland	\$228	67	\$228	67
West Pennsylvania	244			
East Pennsylvania	218			
New York and New Jersey	220	79	220	79
Susquehanna	137	69	137	69
Central Pennsylvania	116	91	27	39
Allegheny	99	60		
Kansas	305	80	305	80
Wittenberg	44	75	44	75
Pittsburgh	36	72		72
Hartwick	143	65		
Nebraska	198			
Miami	69	83		83
East Ohio	10	20		20
Central Illinois	118	02		
5 Northern Illinois	95	89		89
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5 Northern Indiana	55	89		
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Rocky Mountain2 California		70		70
Southern Illinois	257 18	50		23
Middle Tennessee		23 90		90

Your Committee recommends:

- 1. That the Treasurer of the General Synod be hereby directed to pay the sums herein allowed to the chairmen of the several Synodical delegations.
- 2. That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be apportioned annually among the several Synods for the two years beginning April 1st, 1894.

JOHN L. BIKLE, J. W. KAHLER, C. J. ERNST. Mileage Committee.

Adopted.

The auditors on the account of the Treasurer of the General Synod reported as follows:

Report of Auditors on the Account of the Treasurer of the General Synod.

Having carefully examined and compared the report, accounts, vouchers and statements of Alexander Gebhart, Esq., Treasurer of this Synod, we find the report correct, and the balance due the Synod, as stated in the report, is \$5561.37.

The efficient and intelligent manner in which the Treasurer has performed his duties merits, as it has already received, the hearty commendation of the Synod.

Considerable confusion, and in our judgment loss to the Synod, results from the lack of practical business methods in the transaction of financial matters between the General Synod and the District Synods. We believe the fiscal year of the General Synod Treasury ought to close on the 31st of March of each year, the time designated for the closing of accounts of our different Church Boards; and in order to test the wisdom of such a course we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

- 1. Resolved, That the Treasurers of our District Synods be advised and requested to settle their accounts with the Treasurer of this Synod, on or about the 31st of March of each year, and that the Treasurer of this Synod have his report printed ready for distribution at the time the report is submitted to the Synod.
- 2. Resolved, That the Treasurer of the General Synod be instructed to notify the President and Treasurer of each of the District Synods, on or about the 1st of February of each year, by letter or circular, of this action of the General Synod, and also call the attention of those officers to the rule of this Synod on the subject of mileage of delegates to the General Synod.

WM. J. MILLER, LUTHER M. BECK, W. H. RUPPEL.

Committee.

The recommendations of this report were severally considered and adopted, and the report adopted as a whole.

The report of the Board of Education was now heard, and on motion its recommendations were considered seriatim. (See proceedings relating to the Board of Education.)

It was agreed that Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., be the Chairman of the committee to adjust the days of the Boards.

Literary and Theological Institutions.

The committee on Literary and Theological Institutions would report as follows:

Hartwick Seminary: This, the oldest school in the General Synod, has continued to enjoy the confidence and patronage of the Church. A change in the Presidency occurred during the past two years. Under the new management substantial progress is being made. The attendance is about equal to that of former years; the proportion of those who have the ministry in view is large. Recently by special act of the Legislature of New York, Hartwick Seminary was authorized to confer honorary degrees on the usual conditions.

Pennsylvania College: Pennsylvania College, during the past two years, had a good attendance of students—somewhat in advance of the preceding years. The work has gone on steadily and successfully. The course of instruction has been strengthened and the labor by the students has been good. The Faculty has been increased and strengthened by the election of Prof. E. Huber, D. D., to the Amanda Strong Professorship of English Bible and Chaplaincy, established by Mr. James Strong, of Philadelphia. The labor in this department supplies a long-felt want in giving the institution required instruction in the English Bible, and in offering the opportunity of special work in religious and church instruction.

Wittenberg College: During the past biennium this institution has enjoyed gratifying prosperity. The enrollment of students for '91 and '92 was 363; for '92 and '93 it is 340.

The largest attendance in the history of the College, aside from the Music and Art departments, is noted in the catalogue of the present year. The number of buildings now in use is six, as follows: two dormitories, one for young men and one for young women: Recitation Hall, Hamma Divinity Hall, Gymnasium, Zimmerman Library. The last was finished a year ago and contains two rooms, one for the library and the other a reading room. The theological department is in a prosperous state. The course of instruction extends through three years, and embraces the subjects of investigation and study found in the curriculum of the best divinity schools in the land.

Wittenberg college has been steadily advancing and the outlook for the future is considered most hopeful by the Faculty.

The report concerning this College and Seminary closes with these words: "Wittenberg now as heretofore seeks the fullest advancement of the Kingdom of God among men, and acts in the spirit of true pietism, the pietism of Spener."

The Missionary Institute: The theological department during the past two years has graduated eight men, and has a number of students already entered for the ensuing year.

The endowment is being gradually increased. A financial agent is now employed who is soliciting funds for a new building to cost not less than \$25,000.

The classical department of Missionary Institute is in good and healthy condition. It has four efficient courses of study, suitable to as many different pursuits of life. These are the regular Classical course, which prepares for the Junior class of the college—the Latin scientific course,—the English scientific course, and the Normal course, which prepares teachers for public schools. In addition to these there is an Art department, including the branches of music, drawing and painting. Eight efficient teachers are now in daily active service. The number of students in connection with the Institution this year is one hundred and twenty-nine. Among these there are about thirty-nine that have the ministry in view.

Carthage College: Since the last meeting of the General Synod, Carthage College has been moving forward steadily with a gradually increasing roll, inspiring confidence in the future of the Institution. The college classes especially are growing in numbers, notwithstanding the constant advance in the grade and quality of the work.

The finances show continued improvement, although this is still the great need of the college. A year ago a movement was inaugurated for the liquidation of the debt. A little over \$9000 have been subscribed to this object, and about \$4000 of this amount have been paid. The aid given by the Board of Education has made it possible to continue the work of the college. Extensive repairs have been made on the main building; and plans for additional improvements in the way of new buildings are being perfected.

There have been several changes in the Faculty during the past two years. "The work of the year just closing has never been excelled in extent and thoroughness. With growing confidence, increasing revenue, harmonious Faculty, the future promises well for the church and humanity."

Midland College: Although a full statement of the condition and interests of Midland College has been made by the Board of Education, we would in this connection call attention to the following encouraging items: An increase in the total attendance from 76 to 123; the erection of "Oak Hall," a handsome and commodious dormitory for ladies, at a total cost of \$6500; the establishment of a required course of study in the English Bible.

The Theological Seminary of the General Synod is entitled under its constitution to make a separate report to this body, and is therefore not included in this report.

From the above representations it is manifest that the literary and theological institutions of the General Synod are keeping pace with the rapid development of all the departments of the work of the Church. The total number of students in all the institutions is far in excess of that of any previous year. Especially large is the number of young men who are preparing themselves for the Gospel ministry.

There is great reason to rejoice that these indispensable agencies in extending the Kingdom of God are receiving the hearty support and co-operation of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. ALBERT, E. E. BAKER, R. G. LINKER.

Adopted.

The German Theological Seminary Board now offered its report as follows:

Report of the Board of Directors of "The German Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States of America," at Chicago, Ill.

Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren:

With feelings of gratitude to the Triune God we present to this honorable body our Biennial Report.

According to the instructions given at Lebanon, Pa., your Board secured, on August 12, 1891, articles of incorporation for themselves and their successors under the style and title of "The German Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States of America," said articles were filed with the Secretary of the State of Illinois, and the certificate of the same was recorded in Cook county, Ill. On September 7, 1891, the former Trustees and Association of the German Theological Seminary, and Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, D. D., and wife, delivered all personal property in their possession and executed a good and absolute title in fee simple for said real estate to your Board. Your Board has also prepared such rules and regulations as were found necessary to carry on the institution. These you will find in the Constitution which is herewith presented for your approval. This institution is now the property of the General Synod, and your Board has legal and exclusive control of the same.

When your Board assumed control of the institution, the teaching force consisted of Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, D. D., Chairman of the Faculty, Rev. J. L. Neve, and Rev. J. C. Brodfuehrer, D. D.; the latter acted as Professor and Housefather. As the time for opening the institution was at hand, your Board made no change. Owing to the sickness and absence of Prof. J. L. Neve, who received permission from your Board to take a trip to Europe for his health, and on account of insufficient means to carry on the work, Prof. J. D. Severinghaus, D. D., and Prof. J. C. Brodfuehrer, D. D., did the entire work during the past Seminary year. At the last meeting of the Board the resignation handed in some time before the meeting by Prof. J. L. Neve, was accepted, and Rev. G. F. Behringer, A. M., of Saddle River, N. J., was elected as Professor of Systematic Divinity and Exegetical Theology and Chairman of

the Faculty. It is sincerely hoped that brother Behringer will accept the call. Rev. Dr. J. C. Brodfuehrer is henceforth to attend to the duties of Housefather only; whilst Rev. G. F. Behringer, A. M., elect, and Rev. Dr. J. D. Severinghaus, with an assistant if found necessary, are to be the instructors.

There were present during the two years 37 students, of whom 15 were graduated.

Of the \$5,000 pledged at Lebanon, Pa., to pay off the indebtedness of the institution, all but \$351 has been paid to the Treasurer of the Board.

This institution has been doing a noble work for our Church and deserves to receive in the future a still heartier support than it has in the past. It is preparing men for a field which will, in the near future, bring us a rich barvest. And since it is now the property of the General Synod and stands under the exclusive control of its Board, the entire General Synod should come to its support and make it what it ought to be, and what this General Synod really needs. We must come to the assistance of our poor, struggling German congregations, and their self-denying pastors in this important cause; for the annual contributions of our German congregations, and the gifts from Societies and individual persons, are not sufficient to carry on this work, as the report of the Board's Treasurer will plainly show. The co-operation of our English and wealthier congregations and members is absolutely necessary to encourage our German brethren, and furnish the institution with the means it must have to do efficient work. We, therefore, recommend the following for your consideration and adoption:

- 1. Resolved, That the unpaid pledges toward the \$5,000, made at Lebanon, Pa., are still binding, and should be paid without delay.
- 2. Resolved, That all our German congregations take up an annual collection for this institution as they have been doing during the past.
- 3. Resolved, That the Board of Education be ordered to appropriate \$1000 annually, for the next two years, for the support of the German Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States of America.
- 4. Resolved, That the traveling expenses incurred by the members of the Board of Directors be allowed, and that the bills be ordered paid by the Treasurer of the General Synod—Rev. W. Schuelzke, \$4.80; Rev. R. G. Linker, \$11.30; Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, \$6.50; Rev. J. J. Young, \$12.40; Rev. C. Huber, \$33; and Mr. Geo. H. Knollenberg, \$24.80.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. YOUNG,
J. M. RUTHRAUFF,
R. G. LINKER,
C. HUBER,
W. SCHUELZKE,
G. H. KNOLLENBERG,
A. RUPPEL,
H. FEHLING,
G. V. TRESSLER.

For action see Twelfth Session.

On motion the Constitution of this Seminary was referred to a special committee for examination, and the further consideration of the report deferred until this committee should report.

The Treasurer of the above Seminary followed with his report of its finances, which was, on motion, referred to a committee for audit.

The committee appointed to invite the Right Reverend K. H. G. von Scheele to visit the Convention of this General Synod reported the Bishop's response and offered a series of resolutions, which was adopted. The report and resolutions here follow:

Report on Invitation to Swedish Bishop.

Your Committee appointed to invite the Rt. Rev. K. H. G. von Scheele, Bishop of Gotland, Sweden, to visit this body during its present session, and to extend to him the hospitalities of the General Synod, have received in reply the following telegram:

To Rev. J. B. Remensnyder and Others—Committee of the General Synod.

Dear Brethren: Your very kind greeting and invitation, for which I consider myself highly honored, I have just now received. I regret deeply that appointments already made, which I have requested Rev. Abrahamson to explain by letter, make it impossible to accept the highly appreciated invitation. Please accept my sincere thanks, together with my respect and brotherly congratulations to the Synodical meeting now in session, and my well wishes for the Synod's important daily work to promote the honor of God and the coming of His kingdom. I shall deem it a precious privilege to bring to the Lutheran Christians of Sweden testimony about the love conferred upon them in my person by their brethren in the General Synod, and this I hope will by God's grace help to strengthen the fellowship between you and us in Christ Jesus our adorable Lord.

With highest regard, yours fraternally,

VON SCHEELE,

Bishop of Gotland, Sweden.

2823 Portland Ave., Chicago.

Resolved, That the General Synod learns with regret that the engagements of Bishop von Scheele deny us the privilege of greeting him in person, and through him the dear brethren of our Lutheran household in Sweden.

Resolved, That we most cordially reciprocate the fraternal sentiments expressed by our honored Christian brother in his communication to this body, and that we authorize him on his return to convey to our fellow Lutherans in his land our high regard for their fidelity to Christ, his Word and Church, and for their zeal and sacrificing labors for the promotion of his kingdom.

Resolved, That it is matter of joy to us, as practically illustrated here, that

the great Lutheran Church, the only truly universal Church of Protestantism, dispersed through all lands, divided by oceans, separated by differences of languages and diversities of government, is yet united by indissoluble bonds in one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism, and in its allegiance to the Augsburg Confession, the oldest, the most scriptural, the most universally received symbol of the Reformation.

Resolved, That we invoke the protection and blessing of Almighty God upon Bishop von Scheele, during his visit to America, and pray that he be kept in safety during his return to his native land and home.

> J. B. REMENSNYDER, A. H. STUDEBAKER, S. A. ORT, M. D. HARTER, A. L. SELIG.

The Secretary of the General Synod was instructed to convey the resolutions and action taken to the Bishop.

The following letter in answer to the invitation of the General Synod was received at a later date and is here inserted in connection:

CHICAGO, ILL., May 30, 1893.

To the President of the General Synod, Canton, Ohio.

Dear Sir.: In connection with the telegraphic communication already forwarded, the Bishop von Scheele instructs me to again express his sincere thankfulness for the very kind and honorable invitation, and his high regard for you and for the ecclesiastical body of which you are the president. He also wants me to state clearly, that it is only engagements previously made and which he considers binding, that prevents him from complying with your invitation to visit the meeting of your Synod. Allow me, dear sir, to state the following: The Bishop arrived from Kansas to-day; to-morrow he has an appointment in Lakeview: Thursday, a jubilee meeting in Rockford; Saturday and Monday, the jubilee meetings in Chicago; Wednesday-Friday, the great meetings in Rock Island, etc., etc. From this you see the impossibility for the Bishop to do what he would be so pleased to do-to be present at the meeting of your honorable body. He says that he will always remember, with the greatest thankfulness, the courtesy and kindness extended to him by the General Synod, and that it is his prayer that God may continually bless the work of the General Synod to the upbuilding of his kingdom.

Yours very truly

L. G. ABRAHAMSON.

P. S.—I should also have mentioned that the Bishop has promised to preach next Sunday in Immanuel Church in this city.

IDEM.

Rev. J. C. Koller, D. D., led in the closing prayer.

TWELFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Rev. W. H. Settlemyer was asked to make the opening prayer, and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Deaconess Board was now read by its chairman, Rev. G. U. Wenner, D. D., and is as follows:

Report of the Deaconess Board.

The Board was appointed in 1889, in Allegheny. Our first report was rendered at Lebanon in 1891. At that time we knew of ten young women who had offered themselves as candidates for the work. Some of these did not possess the necessary qualifications, others were detained by home duties, several lost their health, others upon fuller consideration did not feel called to the work, until at last in place of ten there was left not one.

Renewed appeals were made, the important nature of the work was again presented to the churches, and again the names of a goodly number of applicants were recorded. We are now able to report that two of these candidates have entered upon a course of training, and several applications are pending.

The Board proposes to send the candidates to Kaiserswerth to be trained. There are some disadvantages connected with this plan; chief among them is that most applicants have only an imperfect acquaintance with the German language. But we have been advised and are convinced, that to obtain the best results in a thorough theoretical and practical training of those who are to be the instructors in the new institution, they must be educated in Germany. For more than half a century the work has been carried on there, with constantly increasing success.*

Such a course will not prevent the adoption of original methods in adapting the system to the wants of our own land. But we cannot afford to be ignorant of the methods which long experience has approved in the Fatherland. We hope also for spiritual results from contact with that spirit of self-sacrifice which has enrolled such a mighty army for this service in Germany.

We have been greatly aided in our work and plans by the generous consent

*The following table presents a view of the progress made by the institutions belonging to
the General Conference, which meets usually every three years at Kaiserswerth.

Year.	Houses.	Sisters.	Fields of Labor
1861	27	1197	2
		1502	
1868	40,	2106	526
1872	48	2657	· · · · · · · · · 648
1875	50	3230	866
1878	51	3901	1003
		4748	
		5653	
1888 · · · · · · · ·	57	7120	2263
1891	63	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2774

on the part of the Directors of the Mary J. Drexel Home in Philadelphia, to receive our candidates for temporary residence and training until we are ready to send them to Germany. They do this gratuitously, and as a mark of their interest in the work in which we are engaged. We desire to record our grateful appreciation of this favor. It has helped us in several ways. We are now able to put the candidates to work as soon as they are ready to go. It also affords the applicants an opportunity to prove themselves whether they are adapted to the work for which they have enlisted, before assuming the serious responsibility of crossing the ocean, there only to find perhaps that they have made a mistake as to their calling.

To test the interest of the churches, and also to obtain the funds necessary for the support of the candidates in their course of training, a letter was sent to seven hundred pastors, inviting them and their churches to offer a contribution to this cause. By reason of the many claims that are already made upon the benevolence of our people, we could hardly expect a general response. But, as may be seen from the appended report of the Treasurer, we have received a number of contributions, amounting to \$382.50. We have reason to believe that others are willing to give.

The matter of incorporation, alluded to in our last report, is in the hands of a committee. We ask that the authority to incorporate be conferred upon our successors.

Our Needs. 1. In the present state and prospects of the work we need a guarantee on the part of the Synod of \$1000.00 a year for the next two years. Eight hundred dollars a year, in addition to what we have already received, will pay for the education and training of eight deaconesses, and two hundred dollars are required for the necessary expenses of the Board. We recommend that this amount be secured by apportionment.

2. Another need, not immediate but imminent, is the gift or loan of a house in which the proposed training-school is to be established, and of another in which a small hospital may be established.

In the present constitution of the Board, New York or Brooklyn would be the best location. But any large city, for example, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Chicago or Omaha, is invited to bid for the possession of this institution.

May God put it into the heart of some one who hears or reads these words to realize what an opportunity is here presented to do a work for God and humanity!

The hospital need not necessarily be under the control of the Synod. It can be a local institution, with its own directory. Only it must be in sympathy with the work of the training-school, which should be under the direct control of the General Synod.

Our Hopes and Plans. We desire to establish an institution in which the young women of our Church may be trained to nurse and care for the sick, to become efficient parish helpers in the local congregations, to conduct Christian schools or Kindergartens, to take charge of day-nurseries, and in other ways to aid in the work which the Master has given his Church to do.

What a field presents itself here to the mind of the Christian worker. We are living in an age when boundless opportunities present themselves to the Church to occupy the land. The necessity of utilizing every force for organizing and developing hitherto neglected and forgotten agencies, of practically demonstrating the priesthood of all believers, and especially, in this connection, of securing larger results from the ministry of woman, is impressing itself upon many minds.

In these days of marvelous material development and of rapid readjustment of social conditions, the relations and duties of the Church to the community are assuming new and vast importance.

Take for example an average congregation in a growing inland city. If it is a manufacturing place, it attracts numerous families that are not easily assimilated into the congregational life. What an important element in the work of the church would be the help of an intelligent and faithful deaconess! How she could anticipate and supplement the work of the pastor! In visiting the neglected, in providing intelligently for the wants of the sick, and in caring for the children of the poor or the vicious, she would be doing a work of great value.

The disposition to do these things doubtless exists in all Christian hearts, and in a desultory way many things are attempted and performed even now. But the ability to do them in an intelligent and effective manner is too often wanting in such untrained ministry.

In the larger cities the necessity of providing for the care of the sick in Christian hospitals, or caring for orphans and the aged, or putting forth efforts to heal the maladies of sin-stricken humanity, is forcing itself more and more upon the conscience of the Church.

The conviction of the importance of this work and the possibility of its establishment among us, as expressed in former reports, has only gained strength. At the same time we realize that only an outpouring of the Holy Ghost will enable the churches to realize its importance, and impel our daughters to consecrate themselves to such a work of self-denial.

There is indeed a slumbering interest, to some extent merely sentimental, or arising from the imitative impulses of human nature. But such a spirit will not accomplish a great work. We need a deep conviction of a Divine call, a revival of pure and undefiled religion, and an intelligent direction and control of the activity that must manifest itself as the result of such a revival.

Some of our neighbors have readily appreciated the importance of the idea and are pushing it forward to success. In the Methodist Episcopal and Protestant Episcopal Churches, successful steps have been taken toward a practical introduction of the institution into their respective systems of church work. Even during these years in which we have been hoping and planning, a goodly number of thriving shoots from the German tree have been planted in this American soil, and are already bringing forth fruit.

An impression prevails in some minds that our American women are not adapted to this work. The performance of menial and disagreeable tasks, it is urged, should be left to servants. We cannot expect educated and refined women to make such sacrifices, it is claimed, as are required in the life of a Deaconess. It is also urged that the offer of a regular salary would induce many to take up this work who now hesitate to do so.

These impressions may be correct. And we cannot conceal from ourselves the fear that we have before us a long road and a difficult task before our hopes are realized. But we are not willing to take from the Deaconess her very crown, the spirit of self-sacrifice, that is willing to be all and do all things for the Master's sake, and asks for no earthly reward in return. Nor will his call be heard in vain. It would be contrary to the experience of the Church's history, were it so. We believe that there are those in our American Church who will hear and respond to this call, and in this faith we ought to be willing to go forward as Christ may lead, and leave the result with him.

GEORGE U. WENNER, President.

On motion the report was adopted, and the laying of an annual apportionment of \$1,000 ordered.

The Treasurer of the Deaconess Board made his report, which was referred to a committee for audit. It here follows:

Treasurer's Report.

JOHN G. C. TADDIKEN, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Deaconesses of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

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It was agreed that hereafter all speeches be limited to five minutes.

The following paper, offered by Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., was now discussed, and after some changes adopted as below:

Overtures, for Practical Co-operation, to all Lutheran Bodies in America.

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church of America is divided into a number of different branches, which are not in practical accord, the one with the other, and

Whereas, All these subscribe to the Augsburg Confession, adhere to the same general system of government, practice in a measure the same forms of worship, and recognize and glory in the same origin and history; and

Whereas, While it is incumbent upon all Evangelical Christians to cultivate fraternal relations, this is most manifestly the duty of those who are of the same denominational name and faith; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That the General Synod will regard with favor any movement looking to a closer co-operation of all Lutheran Bodies in this country, in the practical work of our denomination, upon such terms as will secure the largest possible harmony of action in all lines of mutual interest, recognizing that such co-operation is not to be interpreted as a surrender or compromise of the doctrinal position of any party entering therein.

Resolved, 2d, That this General Synod respectfully, sincerely and fraternally suggests a conference of committees to be appointed by the General Lutheran Bodies of this country, for the purpose of an interchange of views upon the possibilities of said closer practical co-operation between the several branches of our Lutheran household.

Resolved, 3d, That, for the furtherance of this object, a committee of five be appointed at this convention, to represent the General Synod in such possible conference, and that said committee be and is hereby authorized to confer with the other said Bodies in regard to the objects herein named; provided, always, and it is herein expressly declared, that said committee shall have no power or authority whatever to bind the General Synod by any action it may take in conjunction with any other committee or committees; and that it is invested with only conferential authority, and shall report back to the next General Synod the results of its efforts.

Resolved, 4th, That in the name of our beloved Church, and in the greater name of our Lord and Master, and appealing to the Searcher of all hearts for the integrity of our motives, we respectfully ask and hope for the kindliest consideration of all our Lutheran brethren of this our fraternal overture, and pray for the richest blessing of Almighty God upon it.

The report on the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, prepared by Rev. E. Breidenbaugh, was now read by Rev. Wm. M. Baum, D. D., and adopted.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

The Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., having been instructed to furnish the General Synod with a report on the condition of the Institution, would respectfully submit the following:

The work of the Seminary, since the report of two years ago, has been carried forward with its usual efficiency and success. The instruction is in charge of four professors, who give their earnest attention to thoroughly preparing the young men in attendance for their chosen work. The scope of studies and thoroughness of drill compare favorably with those of any other institution. We are happy to state that there has been a gratifying increase in the number of students. The Catalogue for 1891 contains the names of 59 young men, while the one for 1893 has an enrollment of 68. From present indications a larger number than at any previous period will enter the Seminary this coming fall, The present senior class, which in a few weeks will have completed a full course of study, consists of 21 members. A number of them have already accepted calls to different fields of labor. Rev. Rufus B. Peery, a graduate of the Institution of 1892, and Rev. Noah E. Yeiser, who had completed the second year, have accepted appointments to the foreign field—the former to Japan, under the care of the United Synod, South, and the latter to reinforce the mission under the care of this Synod. Both are in the field and at work.

Rev. J. W. Richard, D. D., who by permission of the Board had been spending a year in Germany, mostly at the University of Leipsic, has returned and entered upon his work at the opening of the present term. Previous to his departure, he had made such arrangements with the other Professors that none of the studies belonging to his department had been neglected during his absence.

Whilst the work of the Seminary is in charge of a full corps of Professors; whilst the number of students in attendance is rapidly increasing; whilst an excellent library, to which additions of standard works are annually made, belongs to the Institution; whilst the location is healthful and commanding, having such historic and attractive surroundings as can be found nowhere else; whilst all these advantages and encouragements are present, one great drawback still continues—the insufficiency of building accommodation. Better library and recitation rooms are greatly needed. The present building should be renovated, and all its space converted into dormitory use. The fact that it has been made necessary to authorize the Faculty, at the cost of the institution, to provide furnished rooms for a number of students who could not be provided for, shows that the call for enlargement is not without good foundation. Nothing, however, in this direction can be done until the question of removal is settled. It was hoped two years ago that at this meeting of Synod a final decision could be reported. But after an agitation of four years, no solution of the question has been reached. It is probable, and only probable, that it will be finally decided at the approaching meeting of the Board.

The finances of the institution are in the hands of a most careful and competent Treasurer, C. S. Weiser, of York, Pa. The Endowment Fund has been somewhat increased since our last report.

The prosperity which marks the work of the Seminary, claims the gratitude of all who are interested in the progress of Christ's kingdom. Its growth shows the high esteem and the unabating confidence which the Church entertains toward an Institution made venerable by its years and honorable by its record. There is reason to believe that it has been true to its mission during its entire history. Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D., President of the Board in 1866, in his report to General Synod, says, "It has never in the least changed or departed from its confessional standpoint. It has ever advocated and fostered an enlightened, sanctified, active, progressive church life and feeling, in opposition to an extreme formalism, ritualism and symbolism. And thus I trust it ever will be." There is reason to believe while it continues to stand upon its original platform, it will also continue to receive the loyal support of its true friends.

E. BREIDENBAUGH, Secretary of Board.

Report on Constitution of the German Theological Seminary.

The committee on the Constitution of the German Theological Seminary now reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the Constitution of the German Theological Seminary, respectfully recommends its adoption with the following alterations.

- I. Art. ii., § I, add the words "for a term of two years."
- 2. Art. ii., § 3, substitute " elected " for "appointed."
- 3. Art. iv., § 6, substitute the word "obligation" for "pledge."
- 4. Art. iv., § 6, after the word "hand" in the concluding clause insert the words "and seal," and add a seal to the obligation.
 - 5. Art. v., § 1, add the words "in the aggregate."

E. J. WOLF, J. B. REMENSNYDER, EDWARD VOLLRATH, W. H. RUPPEL.

Adopted.

The report of the German Seminary Board was now taken up, and the first and second resolutions adopted. The third resolution was referred to the Board of Education with favorable recommendation, and the fourth was amended so that the amount called for, (\$92.80) be paid from the Treasury of the General Synod, and the report was then adopted as a whole.

The General Synod now adjourned for a meeting of the Parent

Education Society. (See proceedings of the Parent Education Society.)

After the resumption of business by the General Synod, the report of the Catechism Committee was taken up and various propositions were made and were under consideration when the hour of adjournment arrived. A motion prevailed to make the Catechism the order immediately after the reading of the minutes to-morrow morning.

By consent, several reports were allowed before adjournment. The committee appointed to nominate a German Seminary Board reported as follows, and their report was adopted:

Board of the German Theological Seminary.

Your Committee appointed to nominate the Board of the German Theological Seminary at Chicago, beg leave to propose the following names:

Rev. J. J. Young, D. D., Richmond, Ind.

Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, Dixon, Ill.

Rev. R. G. Linker, Arenzville, Ill.

Rev. C. Huber, Omaha, Neh.

Rev. C. Moessner, Lanham, Neb.

Mr. Geo. H. Knollenberg, Richmond, Ind.

Mr. Adam Ruppel, Beardstown, Ill.

Mr. Geo. Tressler, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Henry Sprick, Fontenelle, Neb.

J. A. SINGMASTER,

For the Committee.

The report of auditors on the account of the Treasurer of the German Theological Seminary was made and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Auditing Report of the Treasurer of the German Theological Seminary beg leave to submit the following:

We have examined the vouchers for disbursements, and find them all regular.

We find there is a balance due from pledges at Lebanon amounting to \$358.

We find there is an obligation due to the Second National Bank of Richmond, Ind., for \$3,000, which we are informed by the Treasurer must be provided for by Synod at once, as the bank insists on payment, having carried the loan since 1891.

We find there is due the Treasurer \$1,000, for advances made by him, which claim also needs immediate attention, and we are instructed by the Treasurer to say to Synod, that if liquidated at once, he will make a handsome reduction on the claim.

We find the net assets of the institution to be \$3,808.14, as per Treasurer's schedule.

We find that for the disbursement of \$4,489.58 to Dr. Servinghaus, he has given a deed to the Seminary Board for the Seminary property in Chicago, with a proviso that if the Seminary shall cease to be maintained the property shall revert to the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. HOSTERMAN, J. W. HEIM.

Adjournment was made with prayer by Rev. Wm. M. Baum D. D.

THIRTEENTH SESSION.

Canton, O., June 1st, Thursday, 9 a. m.

The President called the Convention to order, and Rev. E. K. Bell, D. D., led in prayer. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

By unanimous consent the Mileage Committee made a correction in their report. It was moved and ordered that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the expenses of delegates according to the report of the Mileage Committe after twelve o'clock to-day.

The report of the Catechism Committee being now in order, it was moved and unanimously agreed to, that the recommendations of the Committee be so amended as to authorize it to substitute for the article on Confession as printed on pages 100 and 101, the article on Confession and Absolution as it appears in the previous edition of the Provisional Catechism published in pamphlet form.

Rev. M. Valentine, D. D., moved to insert the words, "I am the Lord thy God," in the answer to question 30, whereupon it was moved and ordered.

That this recommendation of Dr. Valentine and all other suggestions for the improvement of the Catechism be referred to the newly constituted committee for consideration before publication, and that all such suggestions shall be handed to the committee by July 15th, 1893.

The motion to adopt the report of the Catechism committee was now carried unanimously.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

On motion the order of the day was set aside, and the Synod proceeded to fix the time and place of next meeting. An invitation was received from Hagerstown, Md., and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Synod for this place, which was done, consequently the Thirty-seventh Convention of the General Synod will be held in St. John's Church of Hagerstown, Md., Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D, pastor. It was agreed that the time of meeting be the Wednesday before Trinity Sunday, June 5th, 1895.

The General Synod now adjourned to allow the order of the day to have precedence, which called for a meeting of the Historical Society.

Upon the adjournment of the Historical Society, the Synod proceeded to consider the appointment of a Board of Foreign Missions. (See proceedings relating to the Board of Foreign Missions.)

The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. D. Daugherty.

FOURTEENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. S. A. Ort, D. D., and the minutes were duly read, corrected and approved.

The following action was taken:

WHEREAS, the auditing committee of the German Theological Seminary Treasurer's report made no recommendation for the payment of the two notes, one of \$3000, and the other of \$1000, the payment of which is urgent:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to bring before this Synod some recommendation for action.

The report of the Sunday-school committee was now made, and its several propositions considered and adopted, and the report adopted as a whole as follows:

Report of the Standing Committee on Sunday-Schools.

The Sunday-school is one of the most important departments of the Church. Here the Church instructs her youth in the word of God, and builds for coming

time. Here are the hopes and forces of the future. Here then the Church should bestow a full measure of her fostering care. The Sunday-school interests are paramount. The Sunday-school is a great factor in solving the issues arising in the development of this country, both as pertain to the Church and the State. The Church should give more attention to the needs and culture of the Sunday-school.

That the Sunday-school will respond to care and culture is evident, returning ten fold for what may be expended. We believe that the General Synod possesses as wide a field and as golden opportunities in the domain of the Sunday-school as in that of the Church.

There are as many members of the Sunday-school as there are communicant members of the Church. Among the Synods' pastors and adult membership, we have Boards, Secretaries, Literature, etc., in abundance, all of which have been of untold value. In the Sunday-school, among the children and youth, where instruction is especially effective, we have practically little. Yet here is where the very material of the Church is growing, forming habits and tastes for the future. May not the Church do more, directly in the line of Normal work, through organization adopted to this field in this arm of the Church? This specific work is largely conducted by interdenominational organization, which, from the nature of the case, cannot fully meet the demand. This work might be accomplished by the district synods holding institutes of a normal character, aiming at advanced work in teaching. The religious instructions of our youth should be on a par with that in our public schools.

Benevolence in the Sunday-school is much lacking in system and spirit in many schools: where the reverse is the case the schools have responded beyond all expectation. The schools under this discipline bring the entire General Synod up to a high average, showing what can be done. Much depends on culture. The great advance in the work of the churches of the General Synod is manifestly due to organized, systematic effort. There are many things which should be taught about our Church in the Sunday-school which are not, or at least to a limited degree. Our Sunday-schools should be made acquainted with the doctrines and history of our Church, with the plan of salvation, etc.

A normal series for teachers, teachers' meetings, and institutes furnished by our Board of Publication, prepared by Lutherans, forming at least a teachers' library, would be rich in fruitfulness to the Church. Subjects as follows might be treated: Church History, History of the Lutheran Church, History of the Reformation, Life of Luther, Doctrines and Distinctive Features of the Lutheran Church, Bible Interpretation and Exposition, Hints for the Teacher, etc. Practical hand-books, giving in a few pages, in good type, a practical outline or statement of the subject—these might be printed in pamphlet or tract form at a nominal expense. Our average Sunday-school teachers very much need such standard guides. These are merely lines of helpful improvement suggested.

They could be introduced gradually. The envelopes and Services furnished

by our Church Boards have been highly educational. They have tended to Church loyalty, and have inspired our schools to increased effort, thus establishing our position.

There are in the General Synod over 300 more Churches than Sunday-schools, whereas the reverse should be the case. The Sunday-schools that are in the General Synod are not nearly reached by the present method. Those that are reached have very largely increased their efficiency and liberality. Special organized effort in behalf of our Sunday-schools would immeasurably enlarge their usefulness.

The General Synod has 1134 Sunday-schools, an increase of 19; 242 Union schools, a decrease of 23.

There are 20,641 officers and teachers, 165,268 scholars—total membership 185,909, an increase of 9,608.

Contributions for the last year: local expenses, \$92,858,55; benevolence, \$35,850.50—an increase in benevolence in one year of \$6,676.64. Total contributions of the past year (1892), \$128,709.05.

Of this amount there was contributed to benevolence through the Boards by envelopes, as follows: Home Missions (1892), by 456 schools, \$9,200; Foreign Missions, by 315 schools, \$0,245.47; Church Extension (1893), 645 schools (Easter offering), \$12,300. Children's Day offering for Orphans' Home, by 324 schools, \$6,684.55—making a total of \$34,430.02, by an average of 435 schools, only a little over one-third of the schools contributing on an average at one time, yet showing an excess in one year of over \$12,000. The lesson is, that if all the schools would heartily adopt the plan recommended by the Church, this amount in the near future might be raised to nearly \$70,000 annually.

The census of the Sunday-schools was not taken by the government. The government agreed to publish them if they were furnished with the data. The National Sunday-school Association was unable to do this with its limited means, though the effort was made.

The Census Bulletin issued gives the communicant membership of the Lutheran Church in the United States as 1,199,514. A careful study of religious statistics shows that the Sunday-school membership of the leading denominations in this country is very nearly that of the communicant membership of the churches. In the General Synod, which has a strong average, it exceeds it. By this rule the Sunday-school membership of the Lutheran Church in the United States would be considerably over 1,000,000, and the contributions very nearly \$1,000,000.

We are glad to report that in a comparison of statistics with other religious bodies the General Synod Sunday-schools are well above the average in attendance and contributions.

Whilst your Committee do not assume the responsibility of recommending definite action at this time by this body, they respectfully call the attention of the General Synod to the following items as proper subjects for her consideration under the order of Sunday-schools.

- 1st. That both the General Synod and the District Synods give more prominence in their meetings to Sunday-school interests.
- 2d. That it be recommended that the District Synods appoint Sunday-school Committees or Sunday-school Corresponding Secretaries to cooperate with the Sunday-school Committee of the General Synod.
- 3d. That we recommend the issuing of a Normal Series, by our Publication Society.
- 4th. That the attention of the District Synods be called to the importance of holding occasional institutes or conventions in the interest of Sundayschools.
- 5th. That we urge upon the Sunday-Schools of the General Synod the importance of the use of the Bible, in its complete book form, in the Sunday-school.
- 6th. That we reaffirm the position heretofore taken by the General Synod with reference to the recognition of the principal church festivals in the International Lesson System.
- 7th. That the Sunday-school Committee of the General Synod be authorized to have printed, by the Board of Publication, uniform blanks for gathering Sunday-school statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. REIMENSNYDER, H. C. STUCKENBERG, ARTHUR KING, J. M. GOSSLER, P. S. LEISENRING.

The following report was offered and adopted:

Report of Committee on Correspondence with Ecclesiastical Rodies.

Your Committee on Correspondence with Ecclesiastical Bodies report that the documents placed in their hands are:

- 1. Letters from Rev. S. W. Owen, D. D., and Rev. E. E. Baker, informing this body that they had discharged their duty as delegates respectively to the United Synod of the South, and the General Conference of the United Brethren Church.
- 2. A letter from Rev. Peter H. Milliken, Ph. D., accompanied by credentials showing that he had been appointed by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America to extend its greetings to this General Synod. Dr. Milliken not being present in person, addresses this body in the form of a communication.

Your Committee recommend:

- 1. That the letters of Drs. Owens and Milliken, and Rev. E. E. Baker, be read to this Synod.
- 2. That the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States reciprocates the fraternal greetings expressed by Dr. Milliken in his communication to this body.

Your Committee nominate the persons named below as delegates to extend the fraternal greetings of our General Synod to other ecclesiastical bodies.

United Synod of the South.—Rev. Luther Kuhlman; alternate, Rev. P. H. Miller.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. J. F. Shaffer, D. D.; alternate, Rev. M. F. Troxell.

United Presbyterian Church.—Rev. H. L. Wiles, D. D.; alternate, Rev. M. L. Culler.

Reformed Church in America.—Rev. Prof. James Pitcher; alternate, Rev. J. W. Lake.

Reformed Church in the United States.—Rev. H. K. Fenner, D. D.; alternate, Rev. M. J. Firey, D. D.

General Conference of the United Brethren.—Rev. H. C. Haithcox; alternate, Rev. J. A. Earnest, D. D.

United Norwegian Synod.—Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D. D.; alternate, Rev. C. Huber.

S. F. BRECKENRIDGE, B. F. ALLEMAN, H. C. HOLLOWAY, GEO. A. BOWERS, V. G. TRESSLER, E. S. BREIDENBAUGH,

The following proposition prevailed:

WHEREAS, The General Synod has authorized the publication of Luther's Small Catechism for tentative use, after criticisms and suggestions to be sent to the committee before July 15, 1893, therefore,

Resolved, That the Hymn-book Publishing Committee be and is hereby instructed to issue as early as possible an edition of the "Provisional" Catechism in pamphlet form, and send it out for examination by the pastors represented by the General Synod.

The Common Service Committee now reported on the translation of Luther's Small Catechism.

Report of the Committee on the Common Service.

In 1887, at Omaha, there was conferred on the Committee on the Common Service authority to unite with the Committees of other Lutheran bodies in the preparation of a correct translation of Luther's Small Catechism and the Augsburg Confession.

I. THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION. The translation from the Latin is complete. But only a little progress has been made in the translation of the German text. It was proposed to insert the variations of the German Editio princeps. But this plan was found impracticable. We now suggest that a

standard translation from both languages be prepared, since both texts are of equal authority.

2. THE CATECHISM. At the first meeting of the Committee at Gettysburg, present representatives of the General Synod, the General Council and the United Synod, the text was determined by a collation of Luther's last revision (1545) with the other editions.

To the text of Luther the following additions have been made: "I am the Lord thy God," is placed as an introduction to the Decalogue. The words "before me" are appended to the first commandment. By resolution of Synod the full Scripture text of the first and third commandments is inserted, "in such way however as to distinguish it from Luther's text."

The liturgical formula at the close of the three questions "On Confession" is omitted, as it has been superseded by other forms.

Subsequent sessions of the Committee were held in Philadelphia in November, 1890, and January, 1891, where the translation was completed subject to revision at a later meeting. In Philadelphia representatives of the Joint Synod of Ohio aided in the work. At the final meeting of the Committee at Wernersville in September, 1892, the entire work was revised and completed. At this meeting there were present the representatives of the General Synod, the General Council, the United Synod, the Joint Synod of Ohio and the English Synod of Missouri. The Norwegian and the Icelandic Synods were also represented by correspondence. All branches of the English-speaking churches of the Lutheran faith were thus represented in the work—the first instance of actual co-operation among all the Lutheran bodies using the English tongue.

THE SMALL CATECHISM OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER.

For Pastors and Preachers.

PREFACE.

Martin Luther to all faithful and godly Pastors and Preachers: Grace, Mercy and Peace, in Jesus Christ, our Lord!

The deplorable condition in which I found religious affairs during a recent visitation of the congregations, has impelled me to publish this Catechism, or statement of the Christian doctrine, after having prepared it in very brief and simple terms. Alas! what misery I beheld! The people, especially those who live in the villages, seem to have no knowledge whatever of Christian doctrine, and many of the pastors are ignorant and incompetent teachers. And, nevertheless, they all maintain that they are Christians, that they have been baptized, and that they have received the Lord's Supper. Yet they cannot recite the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments; they live as if they were irrational creatures, and now that the Gospel has come to them, they grossly abuse their Christian liberty.

Ye bishops! what answer will ye give to Christ for having so shamefully neglected the people, and paid no attention to the duties of your office? I invoke no evil on your heads. But you withhold the cup in the Lord's Supper, insist on the observance of your human laws, and yet, at the same time, do not take the least interest in teaching the people the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Ten Commandments, or any other part of the word of God. Woe unto you!

Wherefore I beseech you in the Name of God, my beloved brethren, who are pastors or preachers, to engage heartily in the discharge of the duties of your office, to have mercy on the people who are entrusted to your care, and to assist us in introducing the Catechism among them, and especially among the young. And if any of you do not possess the neces-

sary qualifications, I beseech you to take at least the following forms and read them, word for word, to the people, on this wise:-

In the first place; let the preacher take the utmost care to avoid all changes or variations in the text and wording of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, the Sacraments, etc. Let him, on the contrary, take each of the forms respectively, adhere to it, and repeat it anew, year after year. For young and inexperienced people cannot be successfully instructed, unless we adhere to the same text or the same forms of expression. They easily become confused, when the teacher at one time employs a certain form of words and expressions, and, at another, apparently with a view to make improvements, adopts a different form. The result of such a course will be, that all the time and labor which we have expended will be lost.

This point was well understood by our venerable fathers, who were accustomed to use the same words in teaching the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. We, too, should follow this plan when we teach these things, particularly in the case of the young and ignorant, not changing a single syllable, nor introducing any variations when, year after year, we recur to these forms and recite them anew before our hearers.

Choose, therefore, the form of words which best pleases you, and adhere to it perpetually. When you preach in the presence of intelligent and learned men, you are at liberty to exhibit your knowledge and skill, and may present and discuss these subjects in all the varied modes which are at your command. But when you are teaching the young, retain the same form and manner without change; teach them, first of all, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, etc., always presenting the same words of the text, so that those who learn can repeat them after you, and retain them in the memory.

But if any refuse to receive your instructions, tell them plainly that they deny Christ and are not Christians; such persons shall not be admitted to the Lord's Table, nor present a child for Baptism, nor enjoy any of our Christian privileges, but are to be sent back to the pope and his agents, and, indeed to Satan himself. Their parents and employers should, besides, refuse to furnish them with food and drink, and notify them that the government was disposed to banish from the country all persons of such a rude and intractable character.

For although we cannot, and should not, compel them to exercise faith, we ought, nevertheless, to instruct the great mass with all diligence, so that they may know how to distinguish between right and wrong in their conduct towards those with whom they live, or among whom they desire to earn their living. For whoever desires to reside in a city, and enjoy the rights and privileges which its laws confer, is also bound to know and obey those laws. God grant that such persons may become sincere believers! But if they remain dishonest and vicious, let them at least withhold from public view the vices of their hearts.

In the second place, when those whom you are instructing have become familiar with the words of the text, it is time to teach them to understand the meaning of those words, so that they may become acquainted with the object and purport of the lesson. Then proceed to another of the following forms, or, at your pleasure, choose any other which is brief, and adhere strictly to the same words and forms of expression in the text, without altering a single syllable; besides, allow yourself ample time for the lessons. For it is not necessary that you should, on the same occasion, proceed from the beginning to the end of the several parts; it will be more profitable if you present them separately, in regular succession. When the people have, for instance, at length correctly understood the First Commandment, you may proceed to the Second, and so continue. By neglecting to observe this mode, the people will be overburdened, and be prevented from understanding and retaining in memory any considerable part of the matter communicated to them.

In the third place, when you have thus reached the end of this Short Catechism, begin anew with the Large Catechism, and by means of it furnish the people with fuller and more comprehensive explanations. Explain here at large every Commandment, every Petition, and, indeed, every part, showing the duties which they severally impose, and both the advantages which follow the performance of those duties, and also the dangers and losses which result from the neglect of them. Insist in an especial manner on such Commandments or other parts as seem to be most of all misunderstood or neglected by your people. It will, for

example, be necessary that you should enforce with the utmost earnestness the Seventh Commandment, which treats of stealing, when you are teaching workmen, dealers and even farmers and servants, inasmuch as many of these are guilty of various dishonest and thievish practices. So, too, it will be your duty to explain and apply the Fourth Commandment with great diligence, when you are teaching children and uneducated adults, and to urge them to observe order, to be faithful, obedient and peaceable, as well as to adduce numerous instances mentioned in the Scriptures, which show that God punished such as were guilty in these things, and blessed the obedient.

Here, too, let it be your great aim to urge magistrates and parents to rule wisely, and to educate the children, admonishing them, at the same time, that such duties are imposed on them, and showing them how grievously they sin if they neglect them. For in such a case they overthrow and lay waste alike the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world, acting as if they were the worst enemies both of God and man. And show them very plainly the shocking evils of which they are the authors, when they refuse their aid in training up children to be pastors, preachers, writers, etc., and set forth that on account of such sins God will inflict an awful punishment upon them. It is, indeed, necessary to preach on these things, for parents and magistrates are guilty of sins in this respect, which are so great that there are no terms in which they can be described. And truly, Satan has a cruel design in fostering these evils.

Finally: inasmuch as the people are now relieved from the tyranny of the pope, they refuse to come to the Lord's Table, and treat it with contempt. On this point, also, it is very necessary that you should give them instructions, while, at the same time, you are to be guided by the following principles: That we are to compel no one to believe, or to receive the Lord's Supper: that we are not to establish any laws on this point, or appoint the time and place; but that we should so preach as to influence the people, without any law adopted by us, to urge, and, as it were, to compel us who are pastors, to administer the Lord's Supper to them. Now this object may be attained, if we address them in the following manner: It is to be feared that he who does not desire to receive the Lord's Supper at least three or four times during the year, despises the Sacrament, and is no Christian. So, too, he is no Christian, who neither believes nor obeys the Gospel; for Christ did not say: "Omit or despise this," but "This do ye, as oft as ye drink it," etc. He commands that this should be done, and by no means be neglected and despised. He says: "This do."

Now he who does not highly value the Sacrament, shows thereby that he has no sin, no flesh, no devil, no world, no death, no danger, no hell; that is to say, he does not believe that such evils exist, althoughehe may be deeply immersed in them, and completely belong to the devil. On the other hand, he needs no grace, no life, no Paradise, no heaven, no Christ, no God, no good thing. For if he believed that he was involved in such evils, and that he was in need of such blessings, he could not refrain from receiving the Sacrament, wherein aid is afforded against such evils, and, again, such blessings are bestowed. It will not be necessary to compel him by the force of any law to approach the Lord's Table; he will hasten to it of his own accord, will compel himself to come, and, indeed, urge you to administer the Sacrament to him.

Hence, you are by no means to adopt any compulsory law in this case, as the pope has done. Let it simply be your aim to set forth distinctly the advantages and losses, the wants and the benefits, the dangers and the blessings, which are to be considered in connection with the Sacrament: the people will, doubtless, then seek it without urgent demands on your part. If they still refuse to come forward, let them choose their own ways, and tell them that those who do not regard their own spiritual misery, and do not desire the gracious help of God, belong to Satan. But if you do not give such solemn admonitions, or if you adopt odious compulsory laws on the subject, it is your own fault if the people treat the Sacrament with contempt. Will they not necessarily be slothful, if you are silent and sleep? Therefore consider the subject seriously, ye Pastors and Preachers! Our office has now assumed a very different character from that which it bore under the pope; it is now of a very grave nature, and is very salutary in its influence. It consequently subjects us to far greater burdens and labors, dangers and temptations, while it brings with it an inconsiderable reward, and very

little gratitude in the world. But Christ himself will be our reward, if we labor with fidelity. May He grant such mercy unto us who is the Father of all grace, to whom be given thanks and praises through Christ, our Lord, for ever! Amen.

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I. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach them to his household.

I AM THE LORD THY GOD.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Ques. What is meant by this?

Ans. We should fear, love and trust in God above all things.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and not curse, swear, use witchcraft, ie or deceive by his name, but call upon his name in every time of need, and worship him with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT.

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and not despise preaching and his word, but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT.

Honor thy father and thy mother, that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and not despise our parents and master nor provoke them to anger, but honor, serve, obey, love and esteem them.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not kill.

- O. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and not hurt nor harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and live chaste and pure in words and deeds, each one loving and honoring his spouse.

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not steal.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and not take our neighbor's money or property, nor get it by false wares or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and living.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

- O. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and not falsely belie, betray, slander nor defame our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and make the best of all he does.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

- O. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and not craftily seek to gain or neighbor's inheritance or home, nor get it by a show of right, but help and serve him in keeping it.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maidservant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is his.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. We should fear and love God, and not estrange, force or entice away from our neighbor, his wife, servants or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.
 - Q. What does God say of all these commandments?
- A. He says: I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments, therefore we should fear his wrath, and do nothing against such commandments. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments; therefore, we should love and trust in him, and gladly do according to his commandments.

II. THE CREED.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

THE FIRST ARTICLE.

Of Creation.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that God has made me, together with all creatures; that he has given and still preserves to me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and child, land, cattle and all my goods; that he richly and daily provides me with all that I need for this body and life, protects me against all danger, and guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this, purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE.

Of Redemption.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Q. What is meant by this?

A I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent sufferings and death; in order that I might be his own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE.

Of Sanctification.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of

Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting, Amen.

Q. What is meant by this?

A. I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; even as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church he daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins, and at the last day will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ everlasting life. This is most certainly true.

III. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

Our Father who art in heaven.

- O. What is meant by this?
- A. God would hereby tenderly invite us to believe that he is truly our Father, and we are truly his children, so that we may ask of him with all cheerfulness and confidence, as dear children of their dear father.

THE FIRST PETITION.

Hallowed be Thy name.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. The name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be hallowed also among us.
 - Q. How is this done?
- A. When the word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we as the children of God, lead holy lives, in accordance with it; this grant us, dear Father in heaven! But he that teaches and lives otherwise than the word of God teaches, profanes the name of God among us; from this preserve us, Heavenly Father!

THE SECOND PETITION.

Thy kingdom come.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may come also to us.
 - Q. How is this done?
- A. When our Heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy word, and live godly here in time, and in heaven forever.

THE THIRD PETITION.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. The good and gracious will of God is done indeed without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done also among us.
 - O. How is this done?
- A. When God breaks and hinders every evil counsel and purpose, which would not let us hallow God's name nor let his kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, the world, and our own flesh; but strengthens and keeps us steadfast in his word and in faith unto our end. This is his gracious and good will.

THE FOURTH PETITION.

Give us this day our daily bread.

- O. What is meant by this?
- A. God gives daily bread indeed without our prayer even to all the wicked; but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to acknowledge and receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.
 - Q. What is meant by "daily bread?"
- A. All that belongs to the wants and support of the body, such as meat, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, cattle, money, goods, a pious spouse, pious children, pious servants, pious and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, order, honor, good friends, trusty neighbors and the like.

THE FIFTH PETITION.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

- O. What is meant by this?
- A. We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins, nor, on account of them, deny our prayer; for we are not worthy of anything we ask, neither have we deserved it; but that he would grant us all through grace; for we sin much every day, and deserve nothing but punishment. And we on our part will heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

THE SIXTH PETITION.

And lead us not into temptation.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. God indeed tempts no one, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, that the devil, the world and our flesh may not deceive us, nor lead us into misbelief, despair and other shameful sin and vice; and, though we be thus tempted that we may still in the end overcome, and have the victory.

THE SEVENTH PETITION.

But deliver us from evil.

- O. What is meant by this?
- A. We pray in this petition, as the sum of all, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from all manner of evil—in body and soul, property and honor—and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this vale of sorrow to himself in heaven.

[For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever.]

AMEN.

- Q. What is meant by this?
- A. That I am to be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven, and are heard; for he himself has commanded us so to pray, and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, Yea; it shall be so.

IV. THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

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- Q. What is Baptism?
- A. Baptism is not simply water, but it is the water comprehended in God's command, and connected with God's word.
 - O. What is that word of God?
- A. That which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."

II.

- O. What benefits does baptism confer?
- A. It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what the words and promises of God declare.
 - Q. Which are those words and promises of God?
- A. Those which Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned."

III

- Q. How can water do such great things?
- A. It is not water indeed that does it, but the word of God, which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God, the water is simply water, and no baptism; but with the word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost; as St. Paul says, Titus, iii. 5-8: "According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our

Saviour; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." This is a faithful saying.

IV.

- Q. What does such baptising with water signify?
- A. It signifies that the old Adam in us should, by daily sorrow and repentance, be drowned and die, with all sins and evil lusts; and, again a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity for ever.
 - Q. Where is this written?
- A. St. Paul says, Rom. 6 [:] 4: "We are buried with Christ by baptism into death; that like as he was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

HOW PEOPLE SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO CONFESS.

- Q. What is confession?
- A. Confession embraces two parts: one, that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe that through it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.
 - Q. What sins should we confess?
- A. Before God we should acknowledge ourselves guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not discern; as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess those sins only which we know and feel in our hearts.
 - Q. Which are these?
- A. Here consider your station in the light of the Ten Commandments, whether you be a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant: whether in these relations you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful; whether you have wronged any one by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted aught, done any harm.

V. THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

In the plain form in which the head of the family should teach it to his household.

- O. What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
- A. It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.
 - Q. Where is this written?
- A. The holy Evangelists, Matthew, Mark and Luke, together with St. Paul, write thus:
- "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you: this do, in remembrance of me.

- "After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Take and drink ye all of it: this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you, for the remission of sins: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."
 - Q. Of what use is such eating and drinking?
- A. It is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins:" namely, that in the sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
 - Q. How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?
- A. It is not the eating and drinking, indeed, that does it, but the words which stand here: "Given, and shed for you, for the remission of sina." These words which accompany the bodily eating and drinking, are the chief thing in the Sacraments; and he that believes these words, has what they declare and mean, namely, the forgiveness of sins.
 - Q. Who then receives this sacrament worthily?
- A. Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a good outward discipline; but he is truly worthy and well-prepared, who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins." But he who believes not these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, FOR YOU, require truly believing hearts.

How the Head of the Family should teach his household to pray, morning and evening.

MORNING PRAVER.

In the morning, when thou risest, thou shalt say:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. Then mayest thou also say this prayer:

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast protected me through the night from all danger and harm; and I beseech Thee to preserve and keep me, this day also, from all sin and evil; that in all my thoughts, words, and deeds, I may serve and please Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen.

Then after a hymn, or the ten commandments, or whatever thy devotion may suggest, go joyfully to thy work.

EVENING PRAYER.

In the evening, when thou goest to bed, thou shalt say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then, kneeling or standing, thou shalt say the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Then mayest thou say this Prayer:

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that Thou hast this day so graciously protected me, and I beseech Thee to forgive me all my sins, and the wrong which I have done, and by Thy great mercy defend me from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into thy hands I commend my body and soul, and all that is mine. Let Thy holy angel have charge concerning me, that the wicked one have no power over me. Amen.

Then lie down in peace and sleep.

How the Head of the Family should teach his household to ask a blessing and return thanks.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT.

The children and servants shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands and say:

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer, and after that this Prayer.

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these Thy gifts, which we receive from Thy loving-kindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKS AFTER MEAT.

After meat, they shall reverently and with folded hands say:

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. He giveth food to all flesh: He giveth to the beast his food and to the young ravens which cry. (Ps. cxlvii.) The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following:

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for all Thy benefits; who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

TABLE OF DUTIES; OR, CERTAIN PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE FOR VARIOUS HOLY ORDERS AND ESTATES, WHEREBY THESE ARE SEVERALLY TO BE ADMONISHED OF THEIR OFFICE AND DUTY.

TO BISHOPS, PASTORS, AND PREACHERS.

A bishop must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; not a novice. Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gain-sayers. 1 Tim. iii. 2, 3, 4, 6; Tit. i. 9.

WHAT THE HEARERS OWE TO THEIR PASTORS.

Eat and drink such things as they give; for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Luke x. 7.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. I Cor. ix. 14.

Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. vi. 6, 7.

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn; and the laborer is worthy of his reward. I Tim. v. 17, 18.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you, in the Lord, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. I Thess. v. 12, 13.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account; that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Heb. xiii. 17.

OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same; for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Rom. xiii. 1-4.

OF SUBJECTS.

Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's: and unto God the things that are God's. Matt. xxii. 21.

Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience's sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute, to whom tribute is due; custom, to whom custom; fear, to whom fear; honor, to whom honor. Rom. xiii. 5-7.

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour. I Tim. ii. I-3.

Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work. Tit. iii. 1.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well. I Pet. ii. 13, 14.

TO HUSBANDS.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. And be not bitter against them. I Pet. iii. 7; Col. iii. 19.

TO WIVES

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Eph. v. 22.

Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord; whose daughters ye are as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 1 Pet. iii. 5, 6.

TO PARENTS.

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. vi. 4.

TO CHILDREN.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Eph. vi. 1-3.

TO SERVANTS, HIRED MEN, AND LABORERS.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. Eph. vi. 5-8.

TO MASTERS AND MISTRESSES.

And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him. Eph. vi. 9.

TO THE YOUNG IN GENERAL.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. I Pet. v. 5, 6.

TO WIDOWS.

Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplication and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure, is dead while she liveth. I Tim. v. 5, 6.

TO ALL IN COMMON.

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Herein are comprehended all the commandments. Rom. xiii. 9. And persevere in prayer for all men. I Tim. ii. 1.

Let each his lesson learn with care, And all the household well shall fare,

Respectfully submitted.

G. U. WENNER.

E. J. WOLF,

S. A. ORT.

On the above the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the report be printed and circulated for criticism, and that further action be deferred until the next meeting of the General Synod.

It was also

Resolved, That the Committee on Common Service be instructed to prepare orders for Ministerial acts and report them to the next Convention of the General Synod.

The Apportionment Committee offered their report, which was adopted, and the Statistical Secretary instructed to add a column to the Parochial blanks for the amounts apportioned on the Deaconess work.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your Committee on Apportionment report as follows:

- I. The General Synod has instructed us to apportion among the District Synods for each of the two years from April 1st, 1894, to March 31, 1896, the following amounts: For Foreign Missions, \$35,000, (being at the rate of 21½ cents per member); for Home Missions, \$40,000, (24½ cents per member); for Church Extension, \$35,000, (21½ cents per member); for the Board of Education, \$15,000, (9½ cents per member); for the Pastors' Fund, \$8,177, (5 cents per member); for the General Synod Treasury, \$2,500, (1½ cents per member); Deaconess Board, \$1,000, (2½ of a cent per member); a total of 83½ cents per member.
- 2. We have followed the per capita system, based on the membership as reported for the year 1892.
- 3. The apportionment for the year beginning April 1, 1893, is that laid at the meeting of the General Synod at Lebanon, Pa., in 1891.
- 4. The following sums are therefore apportioned to the respective District Synods, to be raised annually for the two years beginning April 1, 1894.

5. The accompanying table gives the particular amounts under each item, to be raised by each Synod.

DISTRICT SYNODS.	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	Church Extension	Board of Education. ••	Pastors' Fund .	General Synod Treasury	Deaconess Board	Communicant Membership.
Per member 8311 cts.	21 } cts.	24 l cts.	21 l cts.	9 tcts.	ς cts.	ı i cts.	∄åcts.	
I. Maryland	\$4179			\$1789		\$291	\$120	19435
2. West Pennsylvania	5239	6038	5239	2247	1232	390	153	24646
3. Hartwick	967	1102	967			67	30	4496
4. N. York & N. Jersey	1747	1991	1747	746	. 406	122	50	8127
5. East Ohio	1304	1486	1304	558	303	91	38	6067
6. Alleghany	2733	3114	2733	1169	' 636	191	80	12710
7. East Pennsylvania.	4208	4795	4208	1801	979	294	121	19571
8. Miami	911	1038	911	390	212	64	26	
9. Central Illinois	454	517			106	32	13.	
Io. Wittenberg	1644	1874	1644		382	115	47.	
11. Olive Branch	686	782	686	294	160	48	20	
12. Northern Illinois .	643	733	643	275	150	45	19	2990
13. Pittsburgh	1741		1741	745		121		8098
14. Central Pennsylv'ia			1836	786		128	53	8540
15. Northern Indiana.	1008	1149	1008			70	29	4690
16. Iowa	316		316		72	22	9	1472
17. Southern Illinois.	230		230	98		16		1068
18. Franckean	442		442			31	13	2055
19. Susquehanna	2142		2142			149	62	9961
20. Kansas	622		622			43	18	
21. Nebraska	439		439			31	13	2042
22. Wartburg	810		810				23	3766
23. Middle Tennessee.	168		168	72	39	12		
24. California	135	154	135		32		4	
25. Rocky Mountain.	64		64		15	4	2	
26. German Nebraska.	428	488	428	183	100	30	12	1993

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. FOOSE, H. L. LARK. JOHN L. ZIMMERMAN.

The Committee on the Overture of the Nebraska Synod now made report, which was on motion adopted.

Overture of the Nebraska Synod-Action Taken.

Your Committee has had entrusted to it two overtures from the Nebraska Synod. We beg leave to report the following:

1. The first overture relates to the development of the Provisional Catechism, approving of the action of the General Synod in promoting this work,

and of the work, in the main, as already done, and making several recommendations, which have also been sent to the Catechism Committee, and acted on, in part, by them, and subsequently by the General Synod.

- 2. The second overture reads as follows: We instruct our delegation to the General Synod to urge the propriety of dividing all the regular contributions for Church Extension on the apportionment equally between the Loan and Donation Funds, and to ask that the Board of Church Extension be instructed not to press the collection of loans to mission churches before they have become self-sustaining. Your committee recommends:
- 1. That all moneys received on apportionment be divided into the proportion of one-fourth to the Donation Fund, and three-fourths to the Loan Fund.
- 2. That in the collection of matured loans the Board exercise such leniency as is consistent with the interests of the congregation involved.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. BILLHEIMER, JOHN A. EARNEST, J. M. CROMER, CHAS. A. SCHIEREN, AUGUST WENDT.

The following report was made:

The National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C.

The undersigned, appointed at the last meeting of the General Synod as a Board of Visitors to the new National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., to which it then gave its sanction, respectfully present their report.

- 1. The site of this Home, the Synod will recall, was given by Mrs. Sarah Utermehle, a member of the Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C., and consists of twenty-seven acres eligibly located within the limits of the city. The conditions of the gift required that a building should be commenced within two years and completed within five from the date of the transfer of the property.
- 2. We regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Utermehle during the past year. The Church would have rejoiced if she could have lived to see the purposes of her generous gift at least to some degree realized in the actual service of the Home. But as Providence has called her to her heavenly reward, it is fitting that the Synod repeat expression of its grateful appreciation of her gift, and make record of its sorrow and sense of loss in her death.
- 3. We find that the Board of Trustees, of which Dr. W. E. Parson is president, in accordance with the terms of the gift, have made a beginning in the work of building. In doing so they have adopted the cottage system or arrangement as the best, at least for the present. Some time ago they contracted for the first cottage at a cost of about \$5000, and it is now under roof. It will be ready for occupancy in the coming fall or winter. We regret to have to add, however, that toward the cost of the erection of this cottage the

Trustees have received no contributions from the Church. Such contributions are greatly needed, and ought to be at once supplied. For though the Board of Trustees are authorized, under the terms under which they administer their trust, to sell ten or twelve acres of the ground and appropriate the proceeds to building uses, they rightly deem this to be a very unwise policy, and are unwilling to pursue it. The alternative, which they are adopting, is to make a loan upon a part of the property for the amount immediately needed, looking to the Church and benevolent friends of the enterprise to furnish at an early date sufficient funds to return the loan. We believe, in view of these facts, that this Synod should renew its recommendation of this object to the prompt liberality of the Church.

- 4. Some action has lately been taken by one or two Conferences, looking to the erection of cottages for aged Lutheran ministers. It is not out of place for your Board of Visitors, in this connection, to suggest correspondence with the Washington institution on the question whether such cottages might not be planted on the grounds and under the supervision of the Board of this National Lutheran Home for the Aged.
- 5. A vacancy exists in the Board of Visitors by reason of Dr. S. Domer's election as a Trustee of the Home, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. W. Rice.

M. VALENTINE, WM. 9. FREAS, JERE CARL, JOHN C. PARKER.

Adopted.

Syracuse Orphanage.

Report was made on the Syracuse Orphanage, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Overture of the Syracuse Orphange, have duly considered the same, and would respectfully recommend that it be referred to the favorable consideration of the New York and New Jersey Synod.

Signed by the Committee,

JEREMIAH ZIMMERMAN, G. M. GRAU, D. SPRECHER, G. E. HARSH, E. E. CAMPBELL, I. O. NISSLEY, FREDK. T. HUBER.

It was agreed that when we adjourn we do so to meet at 7.30 this evening, and that the order of business at that time be the report on the German Hymn Book.

The following report of auditors was rendered and adopted:

Auditors' Report.

Your Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Deaconnesses respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the same and find it correct.

WM. S. MASSONNEAU, JOHN W. MILLER, A. H. ETTER.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of District Synods was now read and adopted.

Minutes of District Synods.

Your Committee on Minutes of District Synods respectfully report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find nothing claiming our attention, except that which has been already referred to and is now in the hands of a special committee. It is, however, gratifying to report that the District Synods are actively engaged in the Master's work, and developing the spiritual life and the grace of liberality in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. LEISENRING, WM. M. SMITH, M. L. CULLER, WM. J. DALE, FRANKLIN HUNT.

The Transportation Committee made a report, which was adopted with the thanks of the General Synod to the committee for their indefatigable labors.

Report of Committee on Transportation, Thirty-sixth Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

On account of the strong effort of the various traffic associations to maintain rates during the World's Columbian Exposition, the matter of securing reduced fares was one fraught with more difficulty than in 1891. Neither could the same advantages as formerly be secured for lay delegates on lines east of Pittsburgh; but as a lower rate for clerical delegates was secured, the saving to the General Synod has been equal to that of other years. The amount saved to the General Synod, at a minimum estimate, by the efforts of the committee, is over seven hundred dollars (\$700.00). The committee was obliged to make a deposit of money for the presence of a supervisor of certificates, and also to give bond for the faithfulness of delegates and visitors.

So far as is known, not a single delegate or visitor has failed to meet the agreements entered into, and there have been but few mistakes in the purchase

of tickets. These have been rectified without loss to the delegates or General Synod.

Your committee was also requested to arrange for the transportation to Convention of W. H. & F. M. Societies, at Omaha, Neb., June 22, and secure for that body the same reduction of fare.

Every request on the part of delegates or visitors for extension of time, stopoff privileges, special accommodations, etc., etc., was taken up with the railway companies, and, wherever possible, the favors secured. This cost no small amount of extra labor, but the expressions of gratitude on the part of those benefited compensated for the toil.

Your committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States are tendered to the railways in the Trunk Line Passenger Association and Central Traffic Association for reduced rates, and to lines in Western Passenger Association, which granted to all clerical delegates half-fare permits.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the service of Mr. C. J. Broughton, special agent of Central Traffic Association, for kindly courtesies and valuable assistance in the work of transportation.

The committee present bills for \$41.40, printing, postage, special agent, etc., etc., and ask an order on Treasurer for payment.

SAML. B. BARNITZ. HENRY S. BONER.

Committee on Transportation.

A report was made by the committee on Augsburg Songs No. 2, which was adopted, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Augsburg Songs, No. 2.

Your Committee appointed to prepare Augsburg Songs, No. 2, would report that they have labored diligently to accomplish the difficult task assigned them, and have in their possession much material ready to be used in the forthcoming book.

Owing to the impossibility of obtaining some of the copyrighted hymns desired, and the vexatious delays in securing others, the work has been greatly hindered and protracted.

We are now, however, in position, we think, to secure the material needed to complete a work which we believe will be acceptable to the Sunday-schools of our Church, and hope to announce in the near future that the "copy" has been completed and handed to your Hymn Book Publishing Committee for publication.

Your Committee ask to be continued, so that they may complete the work assigned them.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. BONER, THEOPH. H. SMITH, ALBERT H. STUDEBAKER, FRANK P. MANHART. The following report was offered and adopted, and an order granted for the expense incurred:

Your Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Synod to make all necessary arrangements to secure full press reports of the proceedings of the Convention, would report that this has been done, and daily reports sent to all the newspapers served by the Associated Press and United Press. Many papers have received special dispatches.

The expenses of the Committee have been \$5.50, for which an order is asked.

ALBERT H. STUDEBAKER.

The following report was made and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee on Systematic Beneficence respectfully report that a careful examination of the minutes of the several District Synods, and of the work of the several Boards, shows that during the last two years the Church has made considerable advance in systematic work in obtaining funds for the operations of the various Boards. This advance is due to the following agencies:

First. A number of our District Synods have special committees to develop this work within their own bounds. These committees visit various charges, explain difficulties, aid in forming plans suited to the needs of each congregation, and in some cases furnish envelopes, tracts and other literature needed by the pastor and congregation.

Second. The pastors and members of individual congregations conforming their methods of work with those of other congregations, have awakened increased and intelligent interest in their own work. Some of our congregations may be slow to move, but, when their attention is affectionately called to their deficiencies, have sufficient devotion to the work of the Master to take advice and to adopt advanced methods.

Third. The Sunday-schools are far in advance of the adult portion of our congregations in pursuing their work for our several Boards. In this manner there is a constantly increasing adult membership of our congregations interested intelligently and earnestly in Church work.

Fourth. If the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, by their constant and persistent work, should excite among our male members a generous rivalry, the Boards would be astonished at the receipts of their treasuries.

Fifth. The several Boards have aided in this work by publication of tracts and by turnishing envelopes and other materials to the pastors and congregations.

Sixth. Probably the most important agency in promoting Christian systematic beneficence has been the attention paid to the subject by our church papers, especially by the Missionary Journal. Through these agencies information is given to our people, who have been ready to act promptly and with

very efficient results. We are glad to know that our Church papers have during the past years had considerable increase in their circulation.

Resolved, That we commend anew these important agencies to our membership.

Resolved, That we congratulate our people that there are so many cases where they have adopted the New Testament rule of contributing according to their means to the promotion of the work of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. BREIDENBAUGH,

For Committee.

A resolution was offered on the Chinese question, which was the order at the time of adjournment.

Rev. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., was called on to lead in prayer, and the session was adjourned.

FIFTEENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Albert H. Stude-baker, D. D., and the minutes were read and approved.

The German Hymn-Book Committee now offered their report as follows:

German Hymn-Book Committee.

Report to the General Synod, assembled at Canton.

BRETHREN: Your committee on German Hymn-book revision has complied with the instructions received at your hands. There was unfortunately a misunderstanding on the part of the Hymn-book Publishing Committee, as to what the German delegates of the last Convention had called for, and in consequence there has been some disagreement between that committee and us, but we have yielded the difference and complied with their decision as to the proper interpretation of the resolutions found on pp. 44, 45, of the Lebanon minutes. Agreeably thereto we were asked to furnish copy so as to enable them to publish a new edition of the well-known Wollenweber Hymn-book, making it, in its additions, similar to the Book of Worship. We have done so, and have reason to expect that such a book will make its appearance in due time. We had hoped that this book could have been furnished very shortly after the adjournment of the Lebanon Convention, both to forestall the introduction of a similar book thrown upon the market by individual publishers, and also to furnish our people with the Common Service, so urgently

called for by them. The long delay is not the fault of this committee. We were ready with our material long ago, as there was in reality nothing for us to do but to cut out a few pages of printed documents and mail them to the Hymn-Book Publishing Committee.

We have, however, done more, namely, that which we supposed was the task of our committee; we have revised the hymn-book used in nearly all of our German churches and are ready to proceed with its publication, if this General Synod will order its Hymn-Book Publishing Committee to accept our "copy." Our decision is now what it was already two years ago, that the German hymn-book named should be revised and have added to it the Common Service. The Augsburg Confession and Catechism we do not need in a service book, as they would unnecessarily burden it and we have them in other forms. Of the hymns we propose to drop about 100 and substitute for them better ones. Where the original text has been modernized, we will make careful comparison, and in some of the hymns of unwieldy length we have found superflous stanzas. A draught of our work up to Hymn 266 we herewith submit to this body. Have we thus done more than the printed resolutions, according to the interpretation of the Hymn-Book Publication Committee, call for, we would justify our action by the reminder that, had we not done more, we would have had nothing to do whatever, and our appointment would have been ridiculous indeed.

Yet be this as it may, the work proposed two years ago, and placed into the hands of our committee, is unfinished. The necessity for it is as great now as it was then. What the Germans then demanded, they demand now. They then claimed that they could not wait two more years for the book in question. They have had to wait, but it has put us to great inconvenience and financial loss. Let there be no quibbling this time. If the Hymn-Book Publishing Committee does not wish to undertake the work, private parties will. We must have a German Hymn Book of our own, and therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five representative German pastors be appointed, to prepare for publication a hymn book that shall not differ from the one now generally in use among us, more than is necessary to adapt it to present needs, with the addition of the Common Service.

J. D. SEVERINGHAUS, W. ROSENSTENGEL, IOHN W. YOUNG.

Chicago, May 11th, 1893.

In this connection the following resolutions were agreed to, and the report as modified was then adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the last General Synod in reference to the publication of a German Hymn-book be so modified as to omit the Catechism, morning and evening prayers, and Augsburg Confession.

Resolved, That the publication of an independent German Hymn book not authorized by General Synod would be looked upon with disfavor.

Revision of the Book of Worship.

Action looking to the revision of the Book of Worship with Tunes was proposed, and amendments offered resulting in the following:

Resolved, That there be two committees appointed of five members each, one to revise the hymns, the other the music of our Book of Worship, these two committees to act in co-operation and to report at the next Convention of the General Synod, the pastors having six months in which to send in suggestions.

The following proposition was agreed to:

In view of the fact that our experience as pastors has demonstrated the need for a more complete index to our Book of Worship; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Hymns is hereby requested to arrange, if possible, with Rev. Sylvanus Stall for the substitution and publication of so much of his "Minister's Hand-Book to Lutheran Hymns in the Book of Worship" as, upon investigation, they may deem desirable, in order to furnish that book with an index suited to the needs of our pastors and laymen.

It was

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Synod are hereby extended to the Sexton of Trinity Lutheran church, Canton, O., and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay him twenty-five dollars for his services rendered at this Convention of the General Synod.

Report of Fraternal Delegate.

Your fraternal delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church begs leave to report that, in view of the great distance of the place of meeting of the General Assembly, at Portland, Oregon, and of the expenses that would have been incurred by personal attendance, he denied himself the pleasure of a trip to the Pacific Coast and of the intercourse that would have been afforded with delightful brethren, and was content to fulfil his duty by sending a fraternal letter accompanying his credentials, to the General Assembly that met in 1892, at Portland.

Respectfully submitted,

H. LOUIS BAUGHER.

Adopted.

The following action was taken:

Treatment of the Chinese.

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, respectfully ask the Congress of the United States in dealing with the Chinese people to exhibit the spirit which Christians should show to those who are their neighbors. Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Synod be instructed to send a certified copy of the above to the presiding officers of both Houses.

The following report was offered and adopted:

Report on Memorial of Synod of Iowa,

Your committee to which was referred the memorial of the Synod of Iowa respectfully report that the said memorial, after recalling the divine law of marriage and the scandalous ease with which, for even most trivial causes, divorces are obtained, specially asks, "that the General Synod solemnly charge all its pastors not to remarry divorced persons unless the innocent party of a former marriage desiring to be married again can show full proof that the grounds of divorce were those laid down by Christ, (Matt. xix. 9.)

Your committee, recognizing the great importance of this matter and the high necessity of keeping the action of the Church and her ministry in clear harmony with the law of marriage as revealed in God's word, offer the following for adoption by this Synod:

- 1. That the marriage service by the ministry of the Church, can be properly given only under the conditions, relations and limitations set forth in that divine law which the Church and the ministry represent.
- 2. That this Synod understands the divine law as allowing no dissolution of the marriage bond except for the one cause specified, viz.: adultery, and consequently as not permitting re-marriage of persons divorced on other grounds, or of the guilty party in the case of a legitimate divorce.
- 3. That the General Synod hereby places on record its earnest desire that the ministers of the Synods in connection with it should carefully harmonize their practice in the solemnization of marriage with these divine principles and the rule they indicate.
- 4. Inasmuch as the terrible and demoralizing evils of easy divorce for unscriptural reasons are greatly aggravated by the diversity of the civil laws of marriage in the various states of the Union, this Synod hereby expresses its desire for a national law of marriage by which the evil may be restrained and corrected.

M. VALENTINE, G. M. GRAU, S. D. DAUGHERTY,

Report on Payment of Indebtedness of German Theological Seminary.

Your Committee appointed to bring before the General Synod the matter of the payment of two notes, one of \$3,000.00, and the other of \$1,000.00, covering the indebtedness of the German Theological Seminary, find that this debt was incurred in meeting the current expenses of the institution during the two years, and in part to meet the dues of a loan made from the Home Mutual Loan & Building Association, of Chicago.

We recommend that this indebtedness be referred to the new Board of Directors of the institution, to negotiate for payment of same.

In view of the felt want of a supply of our churches which require German preaching which this institution provides, we commend it to the Church at large, and especially to the Board of Education, for assistance in meeting this indebtedness and also in meeting its current expenses for the future.

In view of the fact that the German Synods have no special pledges now resting upon them, we urge that they give this institution their most generous support.

W. H. DUNBAR,

J. W. POFFINBERGER, JERE CARL.

The foll wing action was taken:

Abridged Common Service.

Resolved, That the Common Service Committee be instructed to prepare an abridged form of the Common Service for the use of those who may not desire to use the full Service, that two active pastors be added to the Committee to assist it in carrying out this instruction, that the abridged service when prepared be printed on leaves that can be laid in our Hymnals or Hymn-Books for present use, subject to the action of the General Synod two years hence, it being understood that this action shall in no way affect the present status of either Service.

It was on motion ordered that the President be directed, in appointing the Standing Committees, to appoint Rev. C. S. Albert, D. D., a member of the Common Service Committee.

The following committee reported, and their report was adopted:

Report of Committee on Proposition for "Home for Aged Women" at Harrisburg.

Mr. President: The paper placed in the hands of your Committee relates to a proposition of a citizen of Harrisburg, in which he offers to donate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church a certain tract of land of unknown value to the committee, situated near the city of Harrisburg, Pa., provided the General Synod will raise the sum of \$100,000 to erect a building thereon, as a "Home for Aged Women," in memory of his wife.

In addition thereto, he proposes to raise by subscription and sale of lots the sum of \$50,000, one-half of which will go towards the erection of this building, and the other half towards establishing cottages, the rent of which shall pay the current expenses of the "Home."

In view of the many pressing calls by the various Boards of the Church, it is the judgment of the committee that the above proposition at the present time is impracticable, unless a guarantee of the \$50,000 should be secured.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. FLOYD, CHAS. E. HAY. MARTIN BOCK.

Overture of Pittsburg Synod.

The committee appointed to make reply to the above overture reported as follows:

The paper placed in the hands of your committee is a resolution found on page 41 of the Minutes of the Pittsburg Synod, asking this body to take steps towards assembling a convention of the various organizations of the young people in the Church in the year 1804.

Your committee submit the following:

Resolved, That the General Synod approves of such convention, and that a committee consisting of Rev. M. F. Troxell, Rev. A. J. Turkle, and Mr. L. M. Beck be appointed to arrange for such convention.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RHODES.

The following resolution was also reported to the Synod as the settlement of the matter of the days appropriated to the different Boards for the purpose of bringing their work before the children of the Church.

Resolved, That in the order of days to be observed as Children's Days for Benevolence, the Sunday nearest the fourth of July be set apart as the day for the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RHODES, Chairman.

The following action was taken:

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society is a beneficiary of our churches; and

WHEREAS, We learn from the publications of this Society that it includes in its benefactions gifts of Bibles and money to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in aid of its alleged missionary operations among Lutherans in Germany and Sweden; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly and fraternally protest against these gifts as a perversion of benevolence on the part of this Society to support which our churches are solicited to contribute, and that in our District Synods we call the attention of the agents of this Bible Society to this matter of sectarianism on the part of this undenominational Society.

Report of Business Committee.

Your Committee respectfully report that the papers placed in their hands requiring attention from this body are:

First.—A communication from the Secretary of the Vestry of a Lutheran congregation in Canada, calling strention to the importance of the General Synod organizing a Lutheran Church in the City of Toronto.

Your Committee suggest that this matter be referred to the Board of Home Missions.

Second.—A paper setting forth the importance of making specific provision for the families of deceased Lutheran ministers of the General Synod.

Your Committee ask the privilege of reading this paper before this body, and offer the following for action:

Resolved, That this paper be referred to the Pastors' Fund Society.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. HOLLOWAY,
M. W. EMPIE,
FRANK B. WICKERSHAM,
G. G. BURNETT,
R. NEUMAERKER.

Adopted.

Statistical Secretary's Report.

Your Statistical Secretary would respectfully submit the accompanying summary of the work of the various congregations connected with the twenty-five District Synods represented in the General Synod. The accompanying tables represent the results of each of the two past years compiled separately, also the sum total for the two years, and the increase or decrease of this biennium as compared with the report of the preceding biennium.

The totals for the two years, duplicates omitted, are as follows: Churches, 1361; stations, 164; prayer meetings, 1263; students for the ministry, 337; catechumens, 30,086; losses by death, 5187; by certificate, 7415; excommunications and other losses, 8311; accessions by infant baptism, 18,879; adult baptisms, 5446; confirmations, 16,721; by certificate, 9484; by restoration, 2035; communicant membership, 158,763; estimated value of church property, \$9,969,062.75; indebtedness, \$775,737.44; local expenses for all objects, \$2,711,217.13; Sunday-schools, Lutheran, 1117; Union, 269; officers and teachers, 21,147; scholars, 167,955; contributions for support of school and local objects, \$182,758.26; for benevolence, \$67,932.77; benevolence, for General Synod, \$3,670.42; Synodical Treasury, \$15,060.33; Home Missions, \$59,213.53; Foreign Missions, \$59,199.85; Church Extension, \$69,129.87; Board of Education, \$14,285.79; Beneficiary Education, \$45,558.15; Woman's Missionary Society, \$52,312.50; Pastors' Fund, \$9,385.09; Orphans' Home, \$17,313.85; external objects, \$102,595.41; total benevolence, \$443,168.48; grand total, \$2,727,752.57.

A comparison of these two years shows an increase for 1892 as compared with 1891 as follows: Churches, 20; prayer-meetings, 162; students for the ministry, 32; catechumens, 3348; losses by death, 107; excommunications and other losses, 347; infant baptisms, 971; adult baptisms, 350; confirmations, 815; certificate, 154; restorations, 307; communicant membership, 9355; estimated value of church property, \$1,384,745.20; indebtedness, \$18,304.15; Sunday-Schools, Lutheran, 48; Union, 43; officers and teachers, 1,656; scholars, 13,218; contributions for support of school and local objects, \$5,704.12; for benevolence of Sunday-school, \$5,681.87; contributions of the

congregations for General Synod, \$89.96; Synodical treasury, \$876.93; Church Extension, \$9,580.93; Board of Education, \$297.27; Beneficiary Education, \$1,315.21; Woman's Missionary Society, \$1,060.30; Pastors' Fund, \$473.13; Orphans' Home, \$2,386.31; total benevolence, \$5,791.26; grand total, \$171,733.23.

The diminished contributions in 1892 as compared with 1891 are as follows: Stations, 11; local expenses for all objects, \$194,266.65; Home Missions, \$1,665.39; Foreign Missions, \$2,611.19; external objects, \$6,471.41.

The increase of this biennium as compared with the preceding biennium is as follows: Catechumens, 7,423; losses by certificate, 644; accessions by restoration, 140; local expenses for all objects, \$585,768.22; Sunday-school contributions for support of school and local objects, \$32,032.17; for Sunday-school benevolence, \$17,045.81; contributions of the congregations for Synodical treasury, \$1,781.78; Home Missions, \$5,621.25; Foreign Missions, \$6,170.66; Church Extension, \$39,223.77; Board of Education, \$5,528.15; Beneficiary Education, \$4,935.39; Woman's Missionary Society, \$5,303.43; Pastors' Fund, \$2,947.34; Orphans' Home, \$4,170.75; total benevolence, \$29,098.64; grand total, \$508,158.57.

The decreases in the reports of this biennium as compared with the reports of the preceding biennium, are as follows: Losses by death, 332; excommunications and other losses, 575; infant baptisms, 1,893; adult baptisms, 39; confirmations, 1,074; accessions by certificate, 414; contributions for General Synod, \$363.09; external objects, \$34,854.77.

In submitting this report, your Statistical Secretary, because of the growing demand of other duties, feels compelled to decline to accept re-appointment to the duties of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

SYLVANUS STALL,

Statistical Secretary.

Adopted.

The President then announced the appointment of Rev. Willis S. Hinman to serve as Statistical Secretary of the General Synod.

Assignment of Seats.

The following action was taken on the assignment of the places for the different synodical delegations at the next General Synod and hereafter:

Resolved, That at future meetings of the General Synod the various synodical delegations shall be seated by lot, and that this seating shall be done at the time and place of meeting before the regular order be taken up after the following manner:

- r. The Secretary shall prepare slips of equal size, each containing the name of one of the District Synods.
- 2. These slips shall be deposited together in a box or other suitable receptacle, and placed in the care of the President.

- 3. The President shall then appoint a member of the Synod, who shall be blindfolded, and shall then draw the slips from the box one at a time.
- 4. The chairman of each delegation, as the name of his Synod is drawn, shall, without delay, select the seats for his delegation, to which they shall at once proceed, and which they shall occupy during that session of the General Synod.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That in the translation of Luther's Catechism the rubric for morning prayer shall read:

In the morning when thou risest thou shalt say.

And that for evening prayer:

In the evening when thou goest to bed thou shalt say.

Minutes of the General Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of General Synod reported as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Convention of the General Synod, beg leave to make the following report: namely, that the items claiming the attention of this Convention are:

- 1. The Application of the German Nebraska Synod. p. 24.
- "Resolved, That the brethren meet in special session, organize in the regular way, conforming their action to the Constitution of the General Synod, and that when this shall have been done, the President of the General Synod."
 - 2. The German Theological Seminary Board. p. 39.
- "Resolved, That said Board shall prepare such rules and regulations as shall be found necessary to carry on said Seminary till the next session of Synod, when they shall report to this Synod for approval."
 - 3. The Ministerial Annuity Fund. p. 45.
- "Resolved, That the report of the Committee of the Ministerial Annuity Fund be referred to the Pastors' Fund Committee, to take into consideration the changing of the Constitution of the Pastors' Fund Society, so as to constitute a Board of nine directors, and also the adding of such features from aforesaid report, as may contribute to the greater efficiency of the Society; the whole to be laid before the General Synod at its next biennial convention for action."
 - 4. Application of the German California Synod, p. 54.

The recommendation to these applicants was that they "secure certificates of dismissal from their respective Synods, convene a second time, organize in a regular way, readopt the Constitution provided by the General Synod for District Synods, complying with all its requisitions, and that they make application through its delegates to the General Synod at its next biennial conven

tion for admission, at which time, if all these requisitions are complied with, they will be welcomed. They recommend also that they assume the name of the Pacific Synod."

5. "The Invalid Lutheran Ministers' Home" in Colorado, p. 72.

A committee of the Rocky Mountain Synod was at the last biennium appointed to "solicit funds, to procure plans, and erect the building when sufficient funds are in hands, in accordance with the conditions of the offer, and report at the meeting of the General Synod."

6. Amendment to Constitution, p. 74.

"Notice was given that at the next convention of the General Synod an amendment to Article V., Section I, of the Constitution would be offered, whereby it should be made to read, 'a majority of delegates from a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod, appearing with proper credentials, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

Your committee recommend that these items be now considered, to ascertain whether the above conditions have been complied with and the desired results achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB YUTZY, W. A. SHIPMAN, JEREMIAH ZIMMERMAN.

The above report was taken up seriatim.

Item 1 was answered, "It has been done."

Item 2, "This has been done."

Item 3, "It has been attended to."

Item 4, "They made no application."

Item 5. "No report from committee."

Item 6. In answer to this question the following action was taken:

Resolved, That this matter be referred to the officers of the General Synod, with instructions to examine the minutes of the District Synods, and that if they find that the amendment proposed has been adopted by the requisite two-thirds of the District Synods, the Secretary be empowered to incorporate it in the Constitution of the General Synod in our printed Minutes.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Appeal of the United Christian Commission.

The following report was offered and adopted:

The document submitted to your committee is an appeal on behalf of the soldiers of the army of the United States addressed to the Secretary of War by the United Christian Commission. Request is made of the Honorable Secretary of War to use his authority to correct certain abuses in connection

with the barrack system in the army, to increase the number of chaplains in the army, and to do away with the "canteen." Your committee would recommend that the appeal be printed in the Church papers, and that the Synod reaffirm its approval of the objects set forth by the United Christian Commission.

W. E. PARSON.

T. T. EVERETT, W. L. TEDROW, WM. J. MILLER, D. J. REMALEY.

The following action was taken:

Whereas, Short pastorates and long vacancies result chiefly from insufficient salaries; and

Whereas, These are often disastrous, especially to our missions; therefore, Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that our Board of Home Missions should be sustained if it decide to increase the appropriations to some of our Home Missionaries, even though it should not be able to take so many new missions upon the funds of the Board.

It was also

Resolved, That the consideration of the Deaconness work be made the special order after Orphans' Homes on the second day of Synod.

Leave of Absence.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully report that they have excused the following persons from further attendance upon the meetings of the General Synod, viz.:

Revs. J. J. Young, D. D., O. C. Konrad, B. F. Alleman, D. D., E. H. Leisenring, N. H. Weaver, B. F. Stultz, M. F. Troxell, A. Freyschmidt, R. G. Linker, Luther Kuhlman, J. M. Cromer, J. H. Stough, J. A. Earnest, D. D., Eli Huber, D. D., Prof. P. M. Biklé.

LAY DELEGATES.

W. Irving Parsons, Esq., F. K. Sweet, John G. Selmser, John H. Ohr, W. P. Fitzpatrick, Geo. Bechtel, W. H. Kauffman, Charles A. Schieren, W. W. Davis, Dr. O. B. Blackman, Prof. W. S. Dysinger, W. H. James, N. Manning, A. H. Etter, Prof. E. E. Campbell, Prof. L. O. Foose, Wm. J. Miller, J. M. Searles, Charles Ladwig, H. Hansmeyer, H. L. Lark, Esq.

Many of the excuses granted did not take effect until to-day.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. POFFINBERGER, E. W. ERICK,

N. MANNING.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the pastor and congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, and other friends in this community, for their generous hospitality towards the members of this Synod, to the young people for their bountiful reception, and to the choir for its delightful music.

Adopted.

Synodical Treasurers.

The following propositions were considered and adopted:

Whereas, Many of the congregations connected with our District Synods do not remit their collections for benevolence to their Synodical treasury promptly, the retaining of which greatly interferes with the work of the General Synod's various interests; therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurers of said District Synods be requested to urge their respective congregations to adopt, if possible, a weekly system of collecting money for benevolence, and remit the same to said treasurer monthly.

Resolved, That at least one month prior to the meetings of their respective Synods, the Treasurers thereof be requested to render each congregation connected with his Synod an abstract showing their financial standing relative to the benevolent operations of the church, and request them to make extra efforts to raise such shortage on their apportionments as may therein appear.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Synod be instructed to notify the Treasurers of the District Synods of this action, and urge them to carefully carry out its provisions wherever possible, believing that such action will greatly stimulate the churches of the General Synod to raise their apportionments.

Whereas, Our several Boards are often embarrassed in their work by the fact that funds contributed by the churches are held in the hands of Treasurers of District Synods: therefore.

Resolved, That the Treasurers of District Synods be earnestly requested to promptly remit to the Treasurers of the several Boards, on the first of each month, the funds in their hands for said Boards.

Apportionment to Nebraska Synods.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, The apportionment made by the General Synod for the year ending March 31, 1894, to the Nebraska Synod contains the apportionment of both the English and German Synods; therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurers of the several funds be instructed to divide said apportionment as follows: To the English Synod, for Foreign Missions, \$430; Home Missions, \$480; Church Extension, \$430; Board of Education, \$120; Pastors' Fund, \$95; General Synod, \$30, and that the balance in said apportionment be made the apportionment for the German Synod of Nebraska.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions respectfully report that no resolutions or other matters have been referred to them for consideration. They therefore ask to be discharged.

For the Committee,

JACOB A. CLUTZ, Chairman.

Adopted.

Board for Deaconness Institutions.

The following Committee reported names for appointment as a Deaconess Board, and their nominees were elected:

The Committee to nominate a Board for Deaconness Institutions, present the following names for appointment:

Rev. G. U. Wenner, D. D.,

- " J. J. Young, D. D.,
- " J. B. Remensnyder, D. D.,
- " I. K. Funk, D. D.,
- " J. A. Singmaster,
- F. P. Manhart,
- " L. E. Albert, D. D.,
- A. H. Studebaker, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. J. G. C. Taddiken,

" Geo. P. Ockershausen,

" J. A. Beyer,

" Charles A. Schieren,

Charles Unangst, Esq.,

F. A. Hartranft, Esq.,

Mr. Frederick T. Huber,

" W. L. Armiger.

B. F. ALLEMAN,

M. J. FIREY,

G. W. W. AMICK,

J. W. SHEETS,

J. B. REDDIG.

German Seminary Board.

On motion, the action taken appointing a German Seminary Board was reconsidered, and the following prevailed:

Whereas, There is no provision made for filling a vacancy in the German Seminary Board; be it

Resolved, That in the event of a vacancy arising the Board be authorized to fill such vacancy.

Resolved, That the name of Rev. C. Moessner, of the German Nebraska Synod, be substituted for that of Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, in order to give that Synod clerical representation on the German Seminary Board.

It was

Resolved, That we commend the observance of the first week in November as Self-denial Week, during which there shall be special remembrance of the needs of our home missionary work.

It was also

Resolved, That hereafter each and every Board appointed by the General

Synod shall present the report of its Treasurer properly audited, and no Auditing Committees shall be appointed by the Synod except as provided in Article 18 of the Rules of Order.

The following resolutions prevailed on printing of the Minutes:

- 1. Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have 5,800 copies of the Minutes published, and that after the distribution ordered by the General Synod, and after retaining a sufficient number to meet the needs of the Synod, the remainder be placed on sale at the Lutheran Publication House.
- 2. Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Synod be instructed to have mailed to every Lutheran minister in the United States and Canada, irrespective of synodical connections and doctrinal differences, a copy of the printed Minutes of the present convention.

Pastors' Fund Society-Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund Society, respectfully report that they find the same correct—the balance in the treasury being \$1,647.22, and the amount of investments, \$7600.00.

HENRY S. BONER,

ARCHIBALD A. CONEY, JACOB HOFFMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Auditors on Accounts of the Hymn Book Publishing Committee.

The following report was offered:

The committee appointed to examine the statement of the Hymn Book Publishing Committee in account with the Publication Society have performed their duty, and find that the Hymn Book Publishing Committee is indebted to the Publication Society to the amount of \$1064.95, as shown in the report of the committee.

E. S. BREIDENBAUGH,

C. W. HUMRICHOUSE, H. G. WOLF.

Auditors.

Adopted.

The President requested the privilege of appointing the committee to revise the Book of Worship and its tunes after the General Synod adjourned, which was granted.

On motion, Rev. J. F. Shaffer, D. D., was appointed as visitor from the General Synod to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention soon to assemble in Omaha, Neb.

Rev. T. C. Billheimer, D. D., and Rev. W. H. Dunbar, D. D.,

were appointed the two additional members of the Committee for the Abridgment of the Common Service.

The President of the Convention returned his thanks to the brethren of the Synod for their courtesy, helpfulness and universal kindness to him during the sessions of this busy meeting.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was now read, and adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

State of the Church.

Fathers and Brethren: Of the state of the Church it becomes us to speak with humility and reserve. The field is too vast for any human vision to scan. Only to the eye of Him who looketh beneath externalities is manifest how far short we may have fallen or how near we may have come to the divine ideal of the church. We are not to be unduly depressed by apparent failures, or exalted above measure by apparent success. The work is the Lord's. We have no right to anticipate failure or to boast of success.

From Canton, 1873, to Canton, 1893, affords at least a comparatively adequate scale upon which to measure ourselves with ourselves. Many and impressive are the changes which have come to our beloved General Synod in these twenty years. This is only to be expected. But with sober thoughtfulness we may ask the question whether these changes have been like the ceaseless restlessness of the ocean, with its waves forever moving to and fro, now at flood-tide, now at ebb-tide, never moving onward, never increasing in its power, or whether they have been like the moving waters of the stream, ever gathering strength and volume as it rushes to the fulness of the sea.

As we hold in one hand the little pamphlet which constituted the Minutes of twenty years ago, and in the other the great volume necessary to record the actions of this meeting, we are led to expect marked progress, greatly increased activity, marvellous growth. A comparison of contents will be of interest and will help us to form, with some degree of accuracy, an estimate of our present condition.

First of all the eye falls upon the roll of membership. In 1873 our number of Synods was 20, now 26. The number of ministers then was 669, now 1027. The number of congregations then was 1056, now 1525. The communing membership then was 99,246, now 163,514. Then we had 11,351 Sunday-school teachers and 87,141 scholars, now we have 21,147 teachers and 167,955 scholars.

We note too an encouraging increase in *contributions*. In 1873 our offerings for Foreign Missions were \$25,367, now \$113,851. To Home Missions then \$23,502, now \$77,800. To Church Extension then \$2,871, now \$88,956. These figures indicate but a small proportion of the Church's generous liber ality to-day.

Nor less worthy to be noted is the enlarged interest in the cause of education. While the increase in the number of literary and theological institutions has been small, in this period these institutions have been lifted out of a condition of struggling existence to one of wonderful prosperity, and thoroughly equipped for their great work by generous endowments. Twenty years ago it is probable that even the idea of a Board of Education had not suggested itself; now it is regarded as one of the most important Boards of the Church. We believe we are justified in saying that the whole Church feels the effect of increased interest in this department.

We may rejoice also in the development of that spirit of sweet charity which is the most evident mark of pure religion. Then the offerings for the support of aged and disabled ministers amounted to \$644; now they amount to \$13,000. To the support and care of our orphans, then less than \$2,000, now over \$10,000.

We are glad to note the indications of a more general interest in all our affairs throughout the whole Church. A glance through the Minutes of our District Synods reveals the fact that the new pulse of our church life is throbbing in the most unpretentious village pastorate as well as in the great city congregation. Quietly and faithfully laboring on, we cannot estimate how much of our present prosperity is due to the self-sacrificing labors of the army of humble pastors whose names are not prominent before the Church. At the same time we have reason to rejoice in the prominent part which is being taken by our laymen in the prosecution of our practical work. There is promise of new strength in the Church in this, and of new hope for the future. To-day, as never before, our ordained ministers and devoted laymen are marching together shoulder to shoulder in the great and blessed work.

Canton, 1893, is high-water mark. The reports from all departments have been the most cheering ever presented to this body. They indicate earnest effort and rich results, unequaled in any former period of our history.

Brethren of the General Synod, as we contemplate these indications of material progress we have reason to rejoice. It is our duty to lift our hearts and minds to God in thanksgiving and praise—to Him be the glory. And surely we have reason to draw conclusions of more vital significance.

Shall we not look upon our present prosperity as an indication of the abiding power of God's word? As we note the growing figures, let us not fail to recognize how much is due to the truth in its purity and simplicity as it has always been preached in our Lutheran pulpits. Sensationalism has not prevailed. No tendency to the higher criticism has disturbed our counsels. The word of God is held by us all, as by our fathers, with unflinching firmness and unwavering confidence. The foundations have been laid deep and strong, and are firm as God and God's truth itself. So long as we build upon this foundation, the work will go on most gloriously.

Moreover, we may see in this outward prosperity indications of profound spirituality. No one can fail to have been impressed with a prevailing undercurrent of spiritual impulse in the deliberations of this body. Our close observation leads us to believe that never in our history have our pastors and people been more animated with the spirit of Christ. Profoundly reverencing the memories of our fathers, we have no reason to think of their days as richer in spiritual power than our own.

Equally do we rejoice in this as an indication of a common loyalty to our Lutheran heritage. Whatever our differences may be, in this we are one. The spirit which prevailed in the formation of this body, which has characterized all its history, and which has fostered its growth, is in direct antagonism to all narrow exclusiveness. True to this spirit, we extend the fraternal hand to all God's true children of every name. This spirit of broad Christian toleration has not weakened in the least our love for our own denominational name and faith. Every hand is lifted to bear onward the banner of our common Lutheranism. Not one of us would allow that banner to be lowered in the smallest measure. It is this spirit of abiding loyalty to its own, with fraternal regard for others, which has placed this body in the line of the best progress of the Christian church in these modern times.

Once more, in all this there are signs of hope for the future. From the vantage ground of to-day there is a possibility of ten-fold advance. The General Synod has reached the point whence its progress ought to be marvellous. It is evident that we have come to an era of great forward movement all along the line. Will the General Synod avail itself of its opportunity? Will it be loyal to its trust? If so, the work of the two decades just ended will be but a small measure in the scale of progress of the next two decades.

And now, brethren, our season of fellowship here has reached a conclusion. Very hallowed has been the intercourse of these days. Differences do exist among us; but we have come to the conviction that they are unimportant, that after all we are closer together than some of us supposed, that in the great essentials we are one. With all of us the desire for harmony is common. We are brethren, one in baptism, one in faith, one in spirit, and so we will remain, and year after year the bond will grow closer and closer as we clasp hands, until the day will come when there will be no East or West, no North or South, in the organized work of our beloved Zion. For that day we wait and pray and work. At this closing hour it becomes us to bow in lowly attitude before the Throne of Grace. Let the prayer go up with one accord for the demonstration of the power of the Holy Ghost in every one of us, that the heaven-fire may come down to melt all hearts and inspire us with new devotion and consecration to the cause of Christ. Thus baptized with fire and fused together, we will sing with new meaning,

." Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in mutual love."

W. H. DUNBAR,

For the Committee.

On motion, the Lutheran Board of Publication were requested to publish copies of this report for general distribution. The minutes of last session were now read and adopted, the doxology was sung, and after prayer by its President, Rev. C. S. Albert, D. D., the Thirty-sixth Convention of the General Synod came to an end with the pronouncing of the benediction.

WM. S. FREAS, Secretary of the General Synod.

PROCEEDINGS

RELATING TO THE

Board of Foreign Missions.

The time assigned for hearing the report of the Board of Foreign Missions was immediately after the organization on the first day of the convention. Accordingly, on Tuesday afternoon, the Secretary of the Board, Rev. George Scholl, D. D., was given the floor, and read the report as follows:

The Twenty-Seventh Biennial Report of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren:

Recognizing the superintending care and guidance of the Great Head of the Church in the conduct of the work entrusted to your Board, and with gratitude to God for the measure of success that has attended the labors of the last two years, we present to you this the Twenty-Seventh Biennial Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

I. THE WORK AT HOME.

a balance of \$12,024.37 in the hands of our Treasurer, distributed as follows: I. General Fund
2. Fund for training native teachers
3. Nichols' Memorial Bungalow Fund 1461 82
4. Steamboat for Africa 2098 oc
5. India College Fund 928 46
6. Baltimore City Stock (College Fund)
Total

The receipts for the two years, closing with March 31st, 1893, are as follows:

1. 2.	From the Synods	\$57,159	59 45
3.	From Legacies	9,787	55
4.	From the Publication Society		
5.	From the American Tract Society	100 (00
6.	From Interest	200 (00
7.	From the sale of African Coffee	4,329 4	47
8.	For the endowment of Scholarship in India College	500 (œ
	For the India College Fund	462	95
ΙÓ.	Premium on the sale of Baltimore City Stock	136 6	
II.	Miscellaneous	1,731 (56
	Total	\$112.087	— 77

These receipts, together with the balance of \$12,024.37 carried over from two years ago, make a grand total of \$126,012.14 at command of the Board for its general and special work during the biennium covered by this report.

The expenditures of the Board for the same period have been, for general work, \$97,672.45, and for the India College, \$4,035. Remitted to India for schoolhouse at Narasarowpett, \$300, and for the India Hospital, \$15,000; total, \$117,007.45.

On the 31st of March, 1893, there was a balance of \$9,004.69 left in the hands of our Treasurer, distributed as follows:

I. General Fund. 2. Fund for Training Native Teachers. 3. Endowment of Scholarship in India College. 4. Steamboat for Africa. 5. India College Fund.		2,000 00 500 00 2,098 00
Total.	• • • • •	\$9,004 69

The Synod is referred to the Treasurer's report for a more detailed statement of receipts and expenditures.

- 2. Receipts from the Woman's Society.—During the past biennium your Board has received from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society the handsome sum of \$38,080.45. Of this amount \$300 was sent to India for a schoolhouse at Narasarowpett, and \$2,427.65 for a Zenana Home at the same place; \$488.70 was applied to the building of a Girls' Dormitory, \$500 for medical outfit for the hospital, and \$15,000 was sent to India on account of the new hospital building. The balance of \$19,364.10 has been applied to the general work of the Zenana Conference.
- 3. Legacies.—During the period covered by this report, the Board has received fourteen legacies, amounting to \$9,787.65.
- 4. Foreign Missions in the Sunday-schools.—The receipts of the Board from the special offerings of the Sunday-schools in the first year of the biennium were \$5,562.29. The amount reported thus far for the second year is \$6,667.32,

making a total of \$12,229.61 for the two years, being an advance of \$6,154.30 over the previous biennium.

- 5. The Patron and Protegs' Service.—During the biennium fifty-nine new patrons have been secured for students in India and Africa, and nine for helpers in gospel work; fifty-nine contributions, ranging from \$20 to \$50 each, have also been received for the erection of prayer-houses in India, and seven one-acre coffee plantations, at \$40 each, have been taken. The contributions of these 131 new patrons amount to \$4,579, while the total receipts of the Board through this plan of work amount, in round numbers, to about \$12,000 in the two years.
- 6. Return of Missionaries Home on Furlough.—Since the last meeting of the General Synod, two of our missionaries, Miss Anna S. Kugler, M. D., and Miss Fannie M. Dryden, A. B., who had been home on furlough, returned to their work in India. An interesting farewell meeting was held at Ardmore, Pa., the home of Miss Dr. Kugler, on the evening of July 23d, 1891. The presence of sixteen Lutheran ministers and a large and appreciative audience, some of whom came from a great distance, attested the deep interest felt in the missionaries and their work.

The ladies sailed from Philadelphia August 13th, and arrived at Guntur, India, October 10th, 1891.

7. New Missionaries.—On the 28th of April, 1892, Rev. J.G. W. Albrecht, Ph.D., a licentiate of the Maryland Synod, and at the time serving a Mission Church in the City of Baltimore, was appointed to the work in India. Under the direction of the Board, Rev. Albrecht spent the summer months in visiting the German congregations belonging to the General Synod in the interests of the work to which he had been called. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry August 7th, 1892, in St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore, and three days later sailed for India. He arrived in Guntur November 24th, 1892.

At the same meeting of the Board, Mr. Noah E. Yeiser, of Union Mills, Md., a member of the Middle Class in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg was also appointed to the work in India. During the succeeding months Mr. Yeiser visited many of the churches in the East for the special object of securing the co-operation of the various Young People's Societies of the Church in the work of Foreign Missions. He was ordained by the Hartwick Synod at its meeting at Johnstown, N. Y., September 4th, 1892, and sailed for India October 15th, arriving at Guntur, December 20th, 1892.

8. The Students' Missionary.—The students in our Colleges and Theological Seminaries, believing that their active interest in the Master's work in foreign lands would be greatly increased by having some particular missionary assigned to them for their support, the Board, at their request, has designated Rev. John Aberly, of Narasarowpett, India, as The Student's Missionary. A commendable beginning has already been made, the Board having received from this source during the last scholastic year \$387.25, and the students are of the opinion that in the course of a few years they will be able to so develop

the benevolent spirit in the various institutions as to furnish the entire salary of their missionary.

9. The Young People's Missionary.—Rev. Noah E. Yeiser has been designated as the Young People's Missionary, and the various societies of young people in the church have undertaken his support. A lady member of the church in Raymertown, N. Y., contributed \$1,000 for his support during the first year, in addition to which individuals and societies have contributed \$1,156.41.

II. THE WORK IN INDIA.

1. Evangelistic Work.—Dr. Unangst has charge of the educational and evangelistic work in the large Taluks of Guntur, Gattenapalle and Palnad; Dr. Uhl has charge of the Boarding Boys' Establishment and other work in Guntur, together with the District work in the Taluks of Repalli and Bapatla; Rev. Wolf is at the head of the Mission College and other important work in Guntur; while Rev. Aberly superintends the work in the Taluks of Narasarow-pett, Vinukonda and Kanighri.

The evangelistic force was augmented by the addition of Rev. Dr. Albrecht in November, and of Rev. and Mrs. Yeiser in December of 1892.

The following is a detailed exhibit of the work and the general status of the evangelistic department of the Mission at the close of 1892:

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Ordained American Missionaries	6
Sub-Pastors Catechists	4 20
Sub-Catechists	107 5
Helpers Villages containing Native Christians	48 425
Congregations Prayer Houses Mission Bungalows	135
Free Reading Room and Book Depot	I
Mission Dispensary	I
Mission Stations	3 5
Baptized Members at the close of 1890	3,566

ACCESSIONS IN 1891 AND 1892.

By baptism)
Backsliders reclaimed 35 From other villages 78	7 2 262
From other villages	3 5,304
From other missions	, J ———
Total.	16,928

LOSSES	IN	1801	AND	1802

By death
(Children 1,298)
Marriages in 1891 and 1.392
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.
Number of Sunday-schools 180 Number of scholars {Adults3,860 Children3,158} 7,018
2. Educational Work.—The following is an exhibit of the status of the different schools connected with our mission at the close of 1892:
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.
Number of schools 174 Number of school teachers 175 Pupils Christian {
BOARDING SCHOOLS.
Number of schools 1 Number of pupils 82
THE ARTHUR G. WATTS MEMORIAL COLLEGE AND ITS BRANCHES.
Principal, Rev. L. B. Wolf, M.A., F.M. U.
Teachers 34 Students 525
Receipts { Fees, Rs5,959, Annas 9, Pice 5 } Rupces, 8,537, Annas 11, Pice 0 Expenditure for 1891 and 1892: Rupees, 27,498, Annas 3, Pice 11
3. Ordination of Mr. John Aberly.—On the 13th of December, 1891, Mr. John Aberly, who had completed his prescribed course of theological study under the direction of the India Conference, and had also passed a highly creditable examination in the required Telugu, was sct apart by holy ordination to the Gospel Ministry by the imposition of hands in the Stork Memorial Church in Guntur. Since January 1st, 1893, Rev. Aberly has made his head-

^{*} For nine months only,

quarters at Narasarowpett, where a suitable bungalow is being erected for him.

- 4. Salary Grant-in-aid.—In 1892, the Education Department of the Madras Presidency, India, sanctioned a Salary Grant to the teaching force of the Arthur G. Watts Memorial College, amounting to one-third the salary of the Principal, one-third to each Master holding an ordinary certificate, and one-half to all holding normal certificates. The grant amounts to 125 rupees, 6 annas and 8 pice per month.
- 5. The India Jubilee.—Owing to the severe drought and consequent hard times in 1892, the India Conference postponed the celebration of the Jubilee of that Mission until the present year. The special object to which the Native Church was asked to contribute is the erection of a Dormitory for the Boys' Boarding School at Guntur. The first Jubilee Service was held at Guntur, March 3d, at which meeting more than twelve hundred Christians from all parts of the field were present, and over 4,000 rupees were pledged. Other meetings were held at central points, and up to April 3d, subscriptions had been taken amounting to rupees 8,000. These meetings have had the result not only of stimulating the spirit of benevolence in the Church, but also in uniting the people and giving them a better understanding of the work of the Mission
- 6. The Arthur G. Watts Memorial College.—In view of the importance of raising up an educated native ministry in the Church in India, the General Synod, at its meeting in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1885, authorized the Board to proceed with the work of establishing a College and Theological Seminary in the town of Guntur, India. The Board at once employed Rev. L. L. Uhl, one of our missionaries who was then on furlough in this country, to canvass the Church with the view of raising \$25,000 for a suitable college building.

Out of the subscriptions taken by Rev. Uhl, \$15,892.41 has come into the treasury of the Board. In 1889 Mr. G. S. Watts, of Baltimore, Md., and his son, Mr. Geo. W. Watts, of Durham, N. C., each subscribed \$5,000 toward the college building. In view of this gift of \$10,000 the building at Guntur is to be known as the Arthur G. Watts Memorial.

In 1891 the Education Department of the Madras Government sanctioned a Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 22,500 (\$9,000) toward the erection of the building. This makes the whole amount in hand for the new building \$34,882.41.

By action of the India Conference the High School in Guntur was elevated to the standard of a college and affiliated with the Madras University on the 1st of January, 1886.

June 20th, 1889, seven acres of land, favorably located, were purchased at a cost of \$575.50, and seven days later ground was broken for the new building. The corner-stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies March 18th, 1890, and on the 17th of March, 1893, the new building was formally opened. His Excellency, Lord Wenlock, K. C. S. I., Governor of Madras, presided and performed the opening ceremony. A statement as to the cost of the building, etc., was made by the Principal, Rev. L. B. Wolf, while the principal address

of the occasion was delivered by Dr. David Duncan, Director of Public Instruction.

7. The Nichols Memorial. By action of the Board, February 29th, 1892, the India Conference was authorized to proceed with the erection of a bungalow at Narasarowpett, at a cost not exceeding \$2,500. This mission house, the greater part of the money for the erection of which was contributed by the young men of the Church, is to be known as the Nichols' Memorial Bungalow, in memory of Rev. John Nichols, who died at Guntur, December 17th, 1886.

The town of Narasarowpett has 3,928 inhabitants, and is on the line of the railroad twenty-eight miles from Guntur. A school-house costing \$300 and a Zenana home costing \$3,000 are also being built in this town. Rev. Aberly, Dr. Albrecht, and one of the Zenana ladies will probably occupy this new station in our field.

8. The Zenana Department. The following named persons compose the Zenana Conference and carry on the work connected with this department of our India Mission:

Miss Fannie M. Dryden, B. A., President.

Mrs. John Aberly, Vice President.

Miss Amy L. Sadtler, Secretary.

Mrs. L. B. Wolf, Treasurer.

Miss Susan R. Kistler.

Miss Anna S. Kugler, M. D.

The following is an exhibit of the status of the work at the close of 1892:

Number of Lady Missionaries				6
Number of Lady Assistants				5
Number of Bible Teachers				61
Number of Secular Teachers				68
Number of Minor Servants				34
Number of Home Pupils				46
Number of Schools				21
Number of Boarding Pupils				54
Number of Other Pupils	٠.	٠.		1232
Average Attendance of Pupils		• •	٠.	926
Government Grants to Schoo's	S.	310	03-	7-5
Fees, subscriptions, etc	5.	29.	44-	14-7
Total Local Receipts R				- 6 - 0
				13
Number of Sunday-schools				-3
Number of Sunday-school Teachers			٠.	
Number of Sunday-school Teachers	• •	• •	••	32 683
Number of Sunday-school Teachers	• •	• •	••	
Number of Sunday-school Teachers Number of Sunday-school Scholars Number of Hospital Patients Number of Dispensary Patients	• •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••	32 683
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Number of Sunday-school Teachers Number of Sunday-school Scholars Number of Hospital Patients Number of Dispensary Patients	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		•••	32 683 15 1727 169
Number of Sunday-school Teachers Number of Sunday-school Scholars Number of Hospital Patients Number of Dispensary Patients Number of Home Patients Visits of Patients to Dispensary Visits of Medical Missionary to Homes	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		•••	32 683 15 1727 169 3988 533
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9. Return of Rev. Wolf and Family.—Rev. L. B. Wolf, who went to India in the summer of 1883, has been granted leave of absence to bring his family

to America this spring. He comes home at his own charges, and after settling his family in this country will return to India for a year or two longer before taking his furlough. It is with pleasure and gratification that we are able to announce the presence, at this meeting of the General Synod, of Rev. L. B. Wolf, A. M., principal of our Mission College.

III. THE WORK IN AFRICA.

- 1. Ordination of Joseph Stewart.—June 5th, 1892, Joseph Stewart was set apart to the Gospel Ministry by the rite of ordination at Muhlenberg, by Dr. Day and Rev. Davidson. Rev. Stewart is the second man, educated and trained in the Mission, who has been ordained to the ministry. He had already for several years been rendering good service as a lay-worker and as pastor at Javah Jah, a town eight miles from Muhlenberg, to which he has been called; he has proved himself a useful man and gives promise of increasing efficiency.
- 2. Rev. Geo. P. Goll's Return. In August last, Mr. Geo. P. Goll, who had gone to Africa in the fall of 1890 as a lay worker in Muhlenberg Mission, returned to this country for the purpose of getting married. September 25th he was licensed by the East Pennsylvania Synod to preach the gospel, on the 23d of November he was married to Miss Katie C. Reeser, of Philadelphia, and on the 30th of the same month Rev. and Mrs. Goll sailed for Africa, arriving at Muhlenberg Mission January 14th, 1893.
- 3. Deaths. Mrs. Joseph Stewart, the wife of our second ordained native missionary at Muhlenberg, died after a brief but very painful illness on Easter Sunday, April 17th, 1892.

From a child Mrs. Stewart was brought up and trained in the family of our missionary, Dr. Day, and consequently had enjoyed exceptional advantages. She was regarded as one of the best results of the Mission, a well-educated Christian helper, whose loss is keenly felt by all at Muhlenberg.

We are also called upon to record the sad fact that on the 4th day of February, 1893, Mrs. George P. Goll, after one week's illness and only three weeks after her arrival at Muhlenberg Mission, died from an attack of fever complicated with other disorders.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Ordained Native Pastors	2
Additions during 1891 and 1892 Adults 59 Children 19	78
Communicants at the close of 1892	180
Sunday-Schools.	
Officers and Teachers	
Scholars at Muhlenberg, average attendance	110
Scholars at Javah Jah	200

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

	of Teachers 2
	Boarders
Pupils	Boarders
	t Javah Jah 150
	INDUSTRIAL WORK.

The following is the estimated value of our plant at Muhlenberg, all the figures given being under rather than over the actual or true value:

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Dwelling-house.	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • •	\$2	500)		
Children's house Chapel	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	500	4.	
Workshop					•••••••	,coo
Sheds						
Steam engine						
Shafting, pulleys, Coffee huller, fan	, etc			400 L	¢,	**
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Tools						
A new ox-cart Two oxen broker		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		100 J		185
One ox not broke	en	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		25	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	105
360 acres of land						900
50,000 Coffee Tre						
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- 4. A Girls' Dormitory.—A new dormitory in connection with the Girls' Boarding School at Muhlenberg Mission was completed in the early part of 1893. The cost of the building and furniture is \$1,000, which sum was furnished for this purpose by the Woman's Missionary Society.
- 5. The African Steamboat.—The steamboat built at Muhlenberg Mission in 1888 is still doing service on the St. Paul's River. Last year, the boiler of the engine having given out, the Legislature of Liberia appropriated \$600 for the purchase of a new one. A boiler was secured from Germany, and the little boat was again put into serviceable condition.
- 6. Return of Rev. David A. Day, D. D. We have the pleasure of having with us at this meeting of the General Synod one who, by his many years of self-sacrificing labors in a peculiarly difficult and trying field, has won for himself a large place in the thought and affection of the whole Church. For nineteen years he has been lifting up the banner of the Cross, the center of all life and light, in the Dark Continent. After an absence of ten years he is again, in the good Providence of God, in our midst to tell us of the conquests of the gospel among a people who have been so long sitting in the region of the shadow of death, and to kindle in our hearts a deeper interest in the work

to which he has consecrated his life. With our whole heart we welcome into our midst Rev. Dr. David A. Day, of Muhlenberg Mission, Africa.

GENERAL REMARKS.

1. On the Work in India. A number of circumstances combine to make the biennium covered by this report a conspicuous one in the history of our work in India. It marks the completion of our first half century of missionary effort in the foreign field. The report just read completes fifty years of toil and self-sacrifice. A new station has been established at Narasarowpett by locating two bungalows and a school-house at that place, which are in process of completion. Our field of operation has been greatly enlarged, and our missionaries are now working in two Taluks, the Adunki and Kanagiri, outside of the Krishna district. The work of building the college, although commenced in 1890 and finished in 1893, was done mainly during the past biennium.

In evangelistic and educational work a greater degree of permanence has also been attained. While the figures given do not show as large gains as in some previous bienniums, the work done has been more thorough and effective than ever before. The growth, both in the churches and the schools, has been intensive rather than extensive. The standard of qualification in native teachers and helpers in gospel work has been elevated, and this has resulted in the discontinuance of the service of a number of native agents. The number of students reported is less than two years ago, but the standard is higher, the examinations more rigid, and the work done is, in every way, more thorough.

Heretofore the usual cost of a prayer-house has been from \$20 to \$50, but in 1892 three congregations built better houses of worship, for which they contributed respectively \$150, \$175, and \$225.

The liberality which the people are manifesting in their contributions to the jubilee fund, and to the work connected with the hospital, indicates a kind of growth that, in the present status of our work in India, is even more encouraging than the addition of new members.

To us who are so far from the field and who understand so imperfectly the peculiar character and difficulties of the work, the force of this statement does not perhaps fully appear. Our missionaries, however, who are in immediate touch with the situation, and especially those who have been longest in the field, have never felt more encouruged than during the last year. They feel that they are reaping the fruits of fifty years of spiritual sowing, and they are full of faith and courage for the future.

2. On the Work in Africa.—Rev. Dr. Day writes: We have under the care of the Mission, and well under its influence, fully three thousand people, men, women and children, who by most missionaries in Africa would be set down as members and so reported. It would be an easy matter to baptize these people by the scores and hundreds, but while that would appear well in the statistical columns, it would do the work no good. The same might be said in reference to workers trained on the field. We could as easily have

had a dozen ordained ministers as two. In the school, it is simply a question as to how many we can care for.

In reference to members of the Church, it is our custom to count only those who are faithful and whose lives will bear the light, and who are efficient as workers in the church. As matters go here, one inconsistent and faithless member does us incalculable harm. We must aim especially at the development of character and self-reliance among our people—a life that will continue when the missionary is in his grave. I think we are succeeding in this.

Not only must the missionary here guide the Church, but to a large extent he is the director of secular affairs. Our people are in a state of transition. There is a complete change of the whole social fabric taking place, and old systems do not always die without a struggle. Lands are passing from public domain into individual ownership, boundaries are being defined, and roads are being laid out. While this is going on there is necessarily more or less jar and friction.

Rev. David Davidson is still the faithful pastor of the congregation at Muhlenberg. His salary is paid by the congregation, and during the year the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor assisted to the amount of \$20. This Society has been doing a good work, and has been a source of strength to many of the younger members of the Church.

One of the most hopeful aspects of our work is the manifest disposition of our young people to settle down, become owners of land, and to acquire homes. It is only in this way that we may hope to build up a self-supporting Church, and a permanent Christian civilization.

3. On the Work in this Country. Glancing over the preceding report as a whole, it will be seen that encouraging and substantial progress has been made during the past biennium. Special effort was made by your Board to direct the attention of our people to this cause, and the Church was asked to make suitable recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of our Foreign Mission work. The effort was not without its results. There is a deeper, more intelligent, and wide-spread interest on this subject in our colleges and theological seminaries than ever before, as seen in the fact that a large number of students have offered their services to the Board, and that they have undertaken the support of one of their number in the foreign field.

A similar interest has been stimulated in the Young People's Societies of the Church, and their determination to support at least one man in India has already resulted in bringing \$2,156.41 into the treasury of the Board.

The Jubilee Year was also marked by the sending of two new men to India. The increased expense of the work has been met by a corresponding increase in the receipts of the Board. In the Sunday-schools there has been an increase over that of the previous biennium of a little over one hundred per cent. The receipts from this source, together with the amount realized from the students, the Young People's Societies, and the patron and protegé plan of work, the larger part of which comes from the Sunday-schools and the young people of the Church, amount to \$26,773.37, or an average of \$13,386.68 per annum.

The total receipts of our Treasurer from all sources for the two years are \$113,851.77, an advance of \$16,307.85 over that of the previous biennium.

Congratulating the General Synod on the work done and the progress made during the last two years, and deeply grateful to the Great Head of the Church for the guidance vouchsafed, the Board of Foreign Missions respectfully returns to this body the trust committed to its care two years ago, praying earnestly that the Divine blessing may rest richly on this work in the years to come.

RESOLUTIONS.

In accordance with a standing rule of your body, we present the following resolutions for your consideration and adoption:

1. On the Opening of the India College.—

Resolved, That the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America in convention assembled at Canton, Ohio, May 25th, having heard through the missionaries at Guntur of the kindness and courtesy of His Excellency, Lord Wenlock, K. C. S. I., the governor of the Madras Presidency, in presiding at the opening of the Arthur G. Watts Memorial College, March 17th, 1893, begs to convey to him through His Excellency's Secretary the sincere thanks of this body, hoping that the humble efforts of the Synod's missionaries will ever meet, as they have in the past, with the appreciation of the representative of Her Majesty, the Queen Empress of India, and be instrumental in lifting up and enlightening many of the subjects of Her Majesty whose condition has ever elicited the warmest sympathy of Her Majesty and Her Majesty's representative.

2. On the Apportionment for the Next Biennium .-

Resolved, That we reaffirm our action of two years ago on this subject, directing the Committee on Apportionment to apportion to the District Synods the sum of \$35,000 for Foreign Missions for each of the two years succeeding April 1st, 1894.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Foreign Missions.

GEORGE SCHOLL, Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Board now offered his report, which here follows:

Treasurer's Report.

OLIVER F. LANTZ, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

1891.		•	
April 1.	To balance on h	and	\$7695 91
- "	To am't rec'd of	Maryland Synod	
66	"	West Pennsylvania Synod 7200 70	
66	"	Hartwick Synod 1568 54	
64	"	New York and New Jersey	
		Synod 3288 36	
66	"	East Ohio Synod 2322 57	

April 1.	To am't rec'd of	Alleghany Synod\$4488 82		
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44	"	Wittenberg Synod 1758 61		
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"	"	Central Pennsylvania Synod 2189 45		
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44	66	American Tract Society	100	
44	66	Bequest of Rev. G. Mennig, deceased	50	
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44	66	Bequest of Andrew Mower, deceased,		•
		of Richland county, O	1200	00
44	66	Bequest of Susan L. Pershings, deceased,		
		of Johnstown, Pa	300	00
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		Petersburg, Huntingdon county, Pa	1344	49
44	14	Bequest of Louisa Young, deceased, of		
		York, Pa	99	00
66	6.	Bequest of John C. Creager, deceased,		
		of New Chester, Pa	75	00
66	**	Bequest of Elizabeth O. Lane, deceased,	_	
		of Hagerstown, Md	1518	66
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		of Breakabean, Schoharie Co., N. Y	49	00
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		ceased, of Dansville, N. Y	100	02
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		ceased, of Baltimore, Md	487	50
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44		Aberly, on salary 1992 70	
"		nie M. Dryden, on salary 1226 80	
"		S. Kugler, on salary 1051 25	
66		. Kistler, on salary 1200 00 Sadtler, on salary 1200 00	
	Miss Ally	Sautier, on salary	14061 74
66	Rev. Geo.	Albrecht, salary and traveling ex-	14001 /4
		in the United States 280 70	
66		Albrecht, outfit to India 150 00	
• •	Rev. Geo.	Albrecht, traveling expenses to	
		400 00	
"		oh and monograph material for	
u		eo. Albrecht's use in India 61 65	
••	Kev. Geo.	. Albrecht, on salary in India 400 00	1000 35
66	Rev Nos	th E. Yeiser, traveling expenses	1292 35
		ary in the United States 300 21	
66		h E. Yeiser, outfit to India 150 00	
44		E. Yeiser and wife, traveling ex-	
		to India 800 00	
44	Rev. Noal	h E. Yeiser, on salary in India 500 00	
	36' E		1750 21
••		nie M. Dryden, traveling expenses to the	
44	Miss Fan	Statesnie M. Dryden, traveling expenses return-	400 00
		india	350 00
64		S. Kugler, traveling expenses to India	350 00
66		S. Kugler, medical outfit for hospital in	330 00
			500 00
"	Dr. Anna	S. Kugler, for printing press	100 00
66		y E. Rowe, on allowance for children of	
**		D. Rowe, deceased	450 00
		mitory in India	488 70
		. Unangst, Treasurer of Missionary Confer- lding the Zenana Home at Narasarowpett,	
		zenana Home at Ivaiasatowpetty	2427 65
		Memorial Prayer-House in India to Mrs.	-4-7 03
		ased	100 00
		rse for Miss Kistler and Miss Sadtler	125 00
		e Nichols Memorial Bungalow in India	1000 00
Amount pa		d use of the Muhlenberg Mission, Africa,	
**		ng salaries	22234 01
••		nelmina Hubler, allowance for the child of	101 40
	rev. E.	M. Hubler, deceased	191 40

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Amount	paid Mrs. Rosanna Fischer, interest	\$ 60 90
"	traveling expenses attending the meetings of the	
	Board of Foreign Missions	83 05
••	Lutheran Publication Society for printing and mail-	
66	ing 26,000 reports	235 30
64	J. C. Bridges, bills for printing, etc	424 79 73 00
66	James & Hanzsche, bills for printing, etc	27 25
44	Literary Committee of the Woman's Home and For-	
4	eign Missionary Society, for tracts	10 15
44	Dr. Geo. Scholl, Secretary, salary	3649 98
••	Dr. Geo. Scholl, Secretary, traveling expenses, post-	1292 68
44	age, stationery, etc expenses for Sunday-school supplies for Foreign Mis-	1292 00
	sion collection	776 73
"	Lutheran Observer	17 00
	incidental expenses	132 74
	n hand, general fund\$3514 28	
	and for training native teachers and preachers. 2000 00 and for endowment of scholarship in the India	
	e 500 00	
Steamboa	at for Muhlenberg Mission 2098 00	
		8112 28
	.	105784 73
1891.	COLLEGE IN INDIA.	
_		\$008 46
April 1.	To balance on hand	\$ 928 46
	5 per cent. stock	3536 00
44	Collections from Subscriptions	292 95
44	Interest	170 00
		\$4927 41
44	By cash remitted Dr. E. Unangst, Treasurer of Mission-	
	ary Conference in India, for College building	4035 00
	Balance on hand	\$892 41
, 1892.	HOSPITAL IN INDIA.	
Feb. 19.	To cash received of Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Treasurer, for	
•	hospital building in India	\$5000 00
64	To cash received of Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Treasurer, for	
I	school building at Narasarowpett, India To cash of Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Treasurer, for hospital	300 00
June 11.	building	5000 00
Dec. 9.	To cash of Mrs. Ross Mitchell, Treasurer for hospital	3000 00
	building	5000 00
	•	\$15300 00
Feb. 19.	By cash remitted Dr. E. Unangst, Treasurer of	- 50
	Missionary Conference in India, for hospital	
Tono	and school building	
June 17.	By cash remitted Dr. E. Unangst, Treasurer, for hospital building 5000 00	
Dec. 16.	By cash remitted Dr. E. Unangst, Treasurer, for	
	hospital building5000 00	15300 00
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The above account was on motion referred to a committee for

auditing.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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	Detai	led Stateme	nt of Rec	Detailed Statement of Receipts on Apportionment.	portionmen	t.		
SYNODS.	Receipts, 1st year.	Apportionment, 1st year.	Receipts, 2d year.	Apportionment, ad year.	Total Receipts.	Total Apportionment.	Excess.	Deficit.
Maryland.	\$2714 43	\$4117 00	ı	\$4035 00	\$7950 59	\$8152 00		\$201 41
West Pennsylvania	3404 52	5142 00	3796 18	4893 00	7200 70	10035 00		2834 30
Hartwick.						00 6661	:	430 46
New York and New Jersey.		2366 00	1495 77		3288 36	4095 00		806 64
East Ohio	1083 56	1302 00		1296 00	2322 57	2598 00	:	275 43
Alleghany			2395 21	2737 00	4488 82	\$677 00		1188 18
East Pennsylvania		3908 00		3983 00		7891 00	:	270 61
Miamı	926 76			936 00			:	258 21
Central Illinois			415 89	468 00	925 61		19 58	•
Wittenberg		1736 00		1637 00				1614 39
Olive Branch		742 00		678 00		1420	122 95	
Northern Illinois		658 00		626 00		1284		
Pittsburg.		1610 00		1660 00		3270	-	
Northern Indiana.		968 00		992 00		.88		
Central Pennsylvania	267 00	00 0961	1622 45	1800 00	2189 45			1570 55
Iowa		37, 8		363 00		687	46 16	
Southern Illinois		210 00		8		458		246 78
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Susquehanna		00 8861	2335 39		3218 07	4075		856 93
Kansas		88.8				1246 00	58 22	•
Nebraska.		8 75		829 00	1848 92	1753		
German Nebraska	115 85			`				
Wartburg		421 00				1148 00		635 21
Middle Tennnessee	20	154 00				334	:	300
California	79 22		120 59	901	199 81		93 81)
Rocky Mountain		:	88 13	113 00	88 13	113		24 87
1.0	\$23798 48	\$34966 00	\$33361 11	\$34364 00	\$57159 59	\$69330 00	*	\$13412 26
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						OLIVER F. LANTZ, Treasurer.	ANTZ. Tree	surer.

Advisory Members.

Before the organization of the Convention a paper was presented accrediting to the General Synod Rev. L. B. Wolf as representing the India Conference, whereupon a motion prevailed whereby Revs. L. B. Wolf and Rev. D. A. Day, D. D., were accorded the privileges of the floor and invited to seats among the delegates as advisory members of the General Synod.

Thanks to the British Government.

By unanimous vote the Secretary of the General Synod was directed to communicate the thanks of this body to the Representative of Her Majesty, the Empress of India, for liberal donations to our India educational work.

The report of the Board was then unanimously adopted.

Committees Appointed.

The President appointed the usual committees to nominate a Board of Home Missions and audit the Treasurer's account.

Auditors' Report.

CANTON, O., May 26th, 1897.

To the President and Members of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Brethren: Your Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the accounts and vouchers in the treasurer's hands and find the same correct. The amount remaining in the treasurer's hands as ascertained from said accounts and vouchers is \$8112.28.

We find that the accounts have been carefully and accurately kept, and consider Brother Lantz entitled to the thanks of the General Synod for the faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD VOLLRATH, J. H. BERLIN,

WM. H. JAMES.

Committee.

Adopted.

Report to be Presented Audited.

In this connection the following was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the Board of Foreign Missions present the report of its Treasurer audited.

Sympathy to Rev. Geo. P. Goll.

It was also

Resolved, That the General Synod extend to Rev. Geo. P. Goll the heart-

felt sympathy of our churches on the early and sudden death of his wife. We earnestly pray that the Heavenly Father will comfort our sorrowing brother.

Board Nominated.

The committee appointed to nominate a Board of Foreign Missions reported the following names, with the understanding that thereby no preference was expressed as to who should be the officers of the Board:

Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D.,

- " F. Ph. Hennighausen, D. D.,
- " Luther Kuhlman,
- " I. Calvert Burke,
- " D. M. Gilbert, D. D.,

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. A. H. Studebaker, D. D., Mr. Oliver F. Lantz, Samuel D. Schwucker, Fsq., Mr. Samuel W. Harman.

S. A. ORT,
ELI HUBER,
J. B. FOCHT,
W. L. SEABROOK,
ELI MILLER,
W. H. BLANCKE,
J. B. HILEMAN,
JOHN L. ZIMMERMAN,
JOHN G. C. TADDIKEN,

D. S. ROYER.

Adopted.

Biennial Meeting in the Interests of the Board of Foreign Missions.

After the interests of the work of Foreign Missions had been carefully considered during the day, the evening service of worship and address were a fitting close to the work of the Board. A tasteful program had been prepared and put into the hand of each one who entered the church, and at eight o'clock, p. m., the exercises began. Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., the President of the Board, presided, and was assisted in the services by Revs. D. M. Gilbert, D. D., Luther Kuhlman and Albert H. Studebaker, D. D. The first address was delivered by Rev. L. B. Wolf, who is Principal of the Arthur G. Watts Memorial College, Guntur, India, on "The Work in India." The second address was made by Rev. David A. Day, D. D., our veteran missionary at Muhlenberg, Liberia, on "The Work in Africa." At the close of these addresses a generous offering was made to the cause of Foreign Missions.

PROCEEDINGS

RELATING TO THE

Board of Home Missions.

The time appointed to hear the report of the Board of Home Missions was on the second day of Synod, and after the reading of the minutes on Friday morning, May 26th, this order was taken up and report was rendered. It was read by the Secretary of the Board, Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, and is as follows:

The Twelfth Biennial Report of the Board of Home Missions. Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren:

The twelfth biennial report of the Board of Home Missions is herewith presented to your honorable body, with grateful acknowledgement of the Divine guidance and blessing that has attended their work during the past two years.

The magnitude of the operations of the Board within the time covered by this report is unprecedented in its history, and bears upon it the clear indications of healthful growth and encouraging progress.

The General Synod in Convention assembled two years ago, hearing through our report then made of the matchless opportunities, the excellent possibilities and crying needs of our great Home field with clear and ringing voice uttered the command to go forward and lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our beloved Zion throughout this field. Though the churches did not give as prompt and earnest heed to that command as its importance demanded, and failed to make that measure of progress in its gifts to carry forward this work, yet the reaction that was anticipated by some has not taken place, but the onward movement has continued; the scope of work has been enlarged, every obligation has been promptly met, and the Board stands on the threshold of the new Biennium with a balance in its treasury.

OBITUARY.

With sincere sorrow the Board notes the depletion of its membership by death. Mr. John W. Rice, of Baltimore, Md., who for nearly nine years and a half was a most valued and efficient member, departed this life on the 20th of October last. From the time of his election to the day of his death he was profoundly interested in the work of the Board and gave constant, faithful and conscientious attention to the responsible duties of his position. Having served for several months in 1889 as General Secretary pro tem., and having carefully observed the work of Home Missions in portions of the West, he was thoroughly familiar with it, and able to approach the deliberations of the Board with wise counsels and mature judgment. His loss was a serious one, and he has been greatly missed by all. The Board adopted suitable resolutions at the time of his death. He leaves behind a fragrant memory and an inspiring example.

We are also called upon to record the painful fact that two of our missionaries have fallen at their posts—Rev. Asa B. McMackin, of Logansport, Ind., whose unexpected death under sad circumstances occurred during the last convention of the General Synod; and Rev. C. P. Harrah, pastor of the Lawrenceville Mission, Pittsburg, Pa., who passed away, after an illness of four weeks, on the 23d of April last. He had just completed a new house of worship, for whose erection he had wrought too intensely. These brethren, who went to their high reward in the midst of their years and usefulness, were among our most faithful and efficient workmen, and have left enviable records as good ministers of Jesus Christ.

ORGANIZATION.

The Board elected at the last convention of the General Synod held their first meeting on the 9th of June, and organized by the re-election of the former officers: President, Rev. C. S. Albert, D. D.; General Secretary, Rev. A. Stewart Hartman; Treasurer, L. T. Appold, Esq. At the same time Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., was elected Western Secretary.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD.

On the 12th of April, 1892, Mr. E. D. Miller, of Baltimore, who had been a valued member of the Board since 1883, but, owing to business engagements, was not able to attend the regular meetings, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, with regret.

At the same meeting Mr. L. Z. Doll, also of Baltimore, was elected to fill the vacancy, and he accepted the position.

The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. John W. Rice, in October last, was filled by the election of Mr. Isaac C. Slater, of Washington, D. C.

FINANCIAL, ETC.

Receipts.—The total receipts of the treasury for the biennium, including the

balance on hand on the 1st of April, 1891, were \$84,279.55, of which \$77,-800.34 were added during the two years.

These receipts may be classified as follows:

	From the Synods on Apportionment		
2.	From the Woman's Missionary Society	10162	49
3.	From the Lutheran Publication Society	2000	œ
	From legacies,		
ς.	From two "annuity gifts" of \$500 each	1000	ö
	From individuals not credited to Synods		
7.	From the Lutheran Missionary Journal	ioo	00
8.	From the Kearney church loan	250	00

SPECIAL MENTION.

In this item of the report there are a number of facts to which your attention is especially called.

1. Total Receipts.—By a comparison of the sum total of receipts with those of the previous biennium it will be seen that there has been an advance of \$1944.07.

Inasmuch as the last convention of the General Synod authorized an increase of \$5000 per annum from the 1st of April, 1892, on the former apportionment, the increase actually made is not as large as it should have been, nor as had been expected. Yet when we recall the fact that these have been years of depression in many branches of trade, and especially so among the agricultural classes, among which so large a proportion of our membership is found, there is perhaps no just ground of complaint, but rather of congratulation and encouragement.

2. Receipts from Synods.—In the amount received directly from the Synods and credited on the apportionment there was an increase of \$1279.28. This amount would have been more than \$500 greater if the money had not reached the treasurer too late to appear in his report, which by the rule of this body closes on the 31st of March. By reference to the statement above given it will be seen that there is a yawning deficit of \$20,376.72 on the amount apportioned. This has been an insurmountable barrier to that degree of advancement in this work, which the highest welfare of the church made imperative and its inviting opportunities made possible, had the Synods not faltered in their larger support.

The average annual cost of each mission to the Church, during the past two years has been about \$250, hence, if the full apportionment had been raised, 40 additional missions could have been aided during that time. The loss inflicted upon the cause of Christ, and especially upon our own Church by this failure, is simply immense, and beyond calculation. By adding only one cent a month for each communicant member, the General Synod would now be richer by at least 40 congregations, located in some of the most important fields for its work in this broad land. Is it not worse than a mistake to permit the neglect of so plain and easy a duty, when such momentous results depend upon its faithful discharge?

3. The Woman's Missionary Society has given to the Board \$10,162.49, which was \$2724.99 more than for the preceding two years.

They have provided for the support of six missions during the biennium, viz.: Freeport, Ills., Denver, Col., Los Angeles, Sacramento, Oakland and San José, Cal. They have recently received from the Board two additional missions; the one at Council Bluffs, Ia., and the other at Ann Arbor, Mich.

The mission at Freeport, Ill., we are pleased to report, became self-supporting on the 1st of April last, hence the Society will begin the biennium with an enrollment of seven missions.

This noble organization is doing most helpful and blessed work, and is constantly increasing in activity, efficiency and beneficent force, and calls for specially grateful recognition and encouragement.

Not only has this Society aided in the general work, but it has had under its direction the sending of valuable boxes of supplies to the missionaries by the Auxiliary Societies—which have done much to soften the hardness of the missionary's lot and carry cheer and comfort into his home.

- 4. Individual Gifts. The amount credited to individuals is almost \$1000 greater than that received during the preceding biennium, which is occasion for congratulation. There is coming to be more and more a disposition on the part of the faithful members of the church, to whom the Lord has entrusted earthly possessions, to acknowledge the truth of their stewardship, and a larger number are manifesting a cheerful readiness to devote a portion of their means to this and other important objects of Christian benevolence. This is one of the signs of the times that is full of hope for the future welfare of the church. Large development in this direction is possible, and a word now and then fitly spoken by our pastors, will accomplish excellent results.
- 5. Our Board of Publication has again manifested its cordial interest in the work committed to this Board by the liberal donation of \$2000. This came to its treasury at a time of special need, and was most serviceable. This generous and helpful act of the Board of Publication was warmly appreciated.

The Board desires also to acknowledge the continued kindness of that Board in furnishing our Mission Sunday-schools with all their periodical Sunday-school publications at a special discount.

6. Legacies. The receipts from legacies were \$8168.57. A decrease of \$3388.99 from the amount received in the last biennium.

It is, however, worthy of remark, that while the sum total from this source was less, the number of bequests was just twice as large, which is a cheering indication of the growth of a right sentiment along this important line of Christian giving.

These legacies came from the following persons: Mr. John C. Creager, New Chester, Pa., \$100.

Rev. W. G. Mennig, Allentown. Pa., \$50.

Mr. Israel Sells, of Spencer, Ind., \$111.07.

Mr. Andrew Mowers, Mansfield, O., \$800.

Mrs. Louisa Young, York, Pa., \$100.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, Hagerstown, Md., \$1518.41.

Mrs. Elizabeth Berg, Breakabeen, N. Y., \$50.

Mrs. Rev. P. Sahm, New Berlin, Pa., \$50.

Mr. David Emerich, Penn Hall, Pa., \$145.15.

Miss Amelia Waesche, Baltimore, Md., \$487.25.

Miss Mary Michael, Baltimore, Md., \$3412.20.

Mr. John Rung, Petersburg, Pa., \$1344.49.

The names of these departed stewards of Christ, and loyal friends of His church, will stand on its register, clothed in that unfading lustre that comes from wise and loving stewardship of God's gifts, and the saving influence of their benovolent acts will out-live the stars. May their shining example catch the eye and enlist the hearts of hundreds of their fellow Christians to perform a like blessed service.

7. Annuity Gifts.—A new source of income has been afforded the Board within the past year, which is noted as "Annuity Gifts."

These are gifts that are presented to the Board for the benefit of its work, but upon which the Board agrees to pay interest during the remainder of the donor's life, at his death they becoming absolutely the property of the Board.

This method has been employed to a considerable extent in other denominations, and with very desirable results. It provides an easy and attractive way to benevolently disposed persons of devoting a portion of their possessions to the service of the Church while they are still living and unable to dispense with the income from them. In this way the income is guaranteed to the donor, whilst the principal at once goes forth upon its errand of serving Christ and extending His Kingdom.

8. Sunday-school Offerings.—In the statement of receipts no separate place has been given to the contributions of the Sunday-schools. This is because the privilege has been allowed of crediting their gifts on the apportionment of the churches. During the past two years the Sunday-schools have done nobly, having given over \$4000 in excess of the previous biennium.

A special effort was made in this direction on Luther Sunday in each year, with very encouraging results.

In the two years there were contributed \$15,400, \$6200 in the first and \$9200 in the second. In order to facilitate and stimulate this effort the Board sent out gratiutously 260,000 "Red Letter" envelopes, 42,000 Pyramids, and about 63,000 Luther Day Services. The "Home Mission Pyramid" was used for the first time last Luther Day, in a limited way, and proved an effective agency, in enlarging the offerings about \$3,000 over the preceding year. This branch of our financial work is not only a very attractive one, but we believe it is also of exceptional value to the church in that it trains the young in the knowledge of our mission work, and develops in their hearts, the heavenly grace of giving. This plan of engaging the children of our Sunday-schools in special efforts for benevolent work originated with the Board of

Home Missions in the year 1883, and has been continued since then with increasingly good results. It aims to bring their work before the children of the church, to concentrate their attention upon it for a limited time, to instruct them concerning its character and importance, to draw their hearts towards it, to kindle their enthusiasm in its behalf, and to encourage them to make sacrifices for it and present the fruits of their savings and self-denials on Luther Sunday, as an offering to Almighty God, for the salvation of our land.

It is however a matter of keen regret that the offerings of the children have been so largely used to relieve the membership of the church from the small burden of their share of the apportionment. The Board from the beginning has allowed these offerings to be counted on the apportionment, but did not contemplate the relief of the church members of their own important duty, and endeavored to guard against that evident tendency by urging the pastors not to relax their effort in raising the full apportionment from the communicant membership. To make the whole amount of the children's gifts in excess of the apportionment should be the constant aim of every pastor.

The whole sum raised on the apportionment was \$54,723.28 and of that amount over \$15,000 should be credited to the Sunday-schools, which leaves less than \$40,000 as the direct contributions of the churches, or only about 12½ cents per communicant member for each year.

The Children's Home Mission Day was placed on Luther Sunday, a day somewhat remote from those seasons at which the regular benevolent collections of the churches are usually taken, that there might be as little interference as possible with their ordinary contributions.

To have this excellent plan productive of the largest possible advantage to the benevolent work of the church, it must be kept distinct and as far as would be expedient, separate from the efforts of the congregations; otherwise it will work positive injury.

The Sunday-school of St. Mark's, Baltimore, Md., Rev. C. S. Albert, D. D., pastor, has ontinued to support the mission at Carthage, Ill.; and the Sunday-school of Zion's church of Sunbury, Pa., Rev. J. H. Weber, D. D., pastor, the mission at Princeton, Ill. The Board has invited and strongly urged upon our larger Sunday-schools to follow the worthy example of these two, and provide for the entire support of some mission church, but without much success. We believe that many others might do this with comfort and with profit to their best interest.

A GLANCE BACKWARD.

The Board of Home Missions elected at Springfield, Ohio, in 1883, and which has been re-elected with slight changes at each convention of the General Synod since then, has completed a decade of service. In view of this fact we would present below, in tabulated form, a survey of the leading features of the work during that time. As will be seen upon examination there has been steady and cheering progress, and whilst there has been in most of the branches

of the work over a hundred per cent. advance, the cost of administration has remained about the same.

THE WORK OF TEN YEARS.

Biennium ending April 1	Payments for Missionary Service.	Payments for Ad- ministration	No. of Mission- aries	No. of Accessions.	No. of Members Enrolled	Amount of Benevolent Contributions
1885 1887 1889 1891	\$35746 56698	\$7583	87 97	2381 3176	6458 8860	\$4532 7594 10845
1887	50098	9023	103 120	3170	8800	7594
1889	60919	8857	114 131	4354	10830	10845
1891	61004	8519	135 151	4354 5385	11587	13591
1893	70434	8913	135 151	5732	13216	13591 15958

THE WORK OF THE BIENNIUM.

Its extent and results.—It would be a difficult, if not an impossible task, to give a correct exhibit of the full measure of work in all its features and results accomplished by the noble company of self-sacrificing and devoted men who have held commissions from the Board during the past two years. No numbers can measure spiritual effort or its results, but they can suggest and guide our search. The tabulated statement herewith presented will show the visible extent and the tangible results of the work, as they have been furnished in the quarterly reports of the missionaries. From this it appears that 155 separate missions have been enrolled, and that the whole number of laborers commissioned was 180, and the aggregate missionary labor performed by them was 210% years.

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MISSION.	MISSIONARY.	Number of Quarterly Reports Received	Number of Congrega- tions Reported	Accessions	Losses	Number of Members Per Last Report	Number of Sunday- Schools	Teachers and Scholars Enrolled	Paid by the Mission on Pastor's Salary
Akron, O	Rev. C. B. Etter	I	1	44		44		125	* 0
Allegheny, PaAllentown, Pa	Rev. C. E. Hay	8	1 1	50 44		201	1	232 304	1466 89
Alliance, O	Rev. S. P. Keifer	1 4	1 1	3		56		95 50	
Altoona, Pa	Rev. E. I. Metzler		1	41	6	82	. 1	180 118	
Anna, Ilis	Rev. Cenhas Baiml	2	1		, 3	95	I	80	50 ∞
Ann Arbor, Mich	Rev. W. L. Tedrow Rev. W. F. Rentz Rev. C. W. Baker	8	1	40 38		30	1	25 169	1450 15
Auburn, Neb		1	1	27		39 78	2	160	
Baltimore, Md., Church of Peace (Ger.)	Rev. George Albrecht	1 -	1 1	4	1	52	1 1	62	
Baltimore, Md., Messiah	Rev. R. H. Schmidt Rev. E. Felton	6	1	22 142	43	65 300	1	84 600	189 ∝ 840 ∞
Baltimore, Md., Reformation.	Rev. C. T. McDaniel Rev. D. Frank Garland	I	I	3 57	I	81	2		50 ∞ 325 ∞
Baltimore, Md., St. Luke's	Rev. Wm. Kelly	2	1	11	4	١	1	425	333 ∞
Barnes and Greenleaf, Kans	Rev. C. E. Kelfer		3	31 1	15 8	120 58	3	200 115	744 93 173 58
Beatrice, Neb	Rev. W. L. Remsberg	8	I	23 64		74	I	90	742 00 330 00
Benedict, Neb	1	8	1 2	27	14 16	51 81	2	140 135	1023 90
Berwick, Pa	Rev. C. M. Aurand		[]	-,		38		50	
Braddock, Ps	Rev. Chas. Reinewald		2	92 46	20 1	175 46	2 I	210 65	964 50
		1	! !			-		_	357 50
Brier Hill, N. Y	Kev. O. D. Moore	5	3	20	11	46	2	95	450 W
Brooklyn, N. Y. (Grace)	Rev. Henry Sharp	8	1	4	18	87	1	140	. 1300 00
Brunswick, Md	Rev. W. C. Wire	1	3	23	2	123	1	40	90 50
Bryan, O	Rev. J. F. F. Kayhoe	8	1	32	5	109	1	150	917 55
Buffalo, N. Y. (Ger,)	1	2	1	32	3	144	2	230	275 ∞
Bunker Hill, Kans	Rev. H. A. Koogle	8	2 1	15	3	94 83	2 1	135 123	245 43 659 05
(Rev. Jacob E. Maurer	4	1	49	13 3		2		385 66
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Circleville, O	Rev. W. E. Main	3½ 1 6	1 1	17 2 32		63 111	I I	61 60 20 0	\$351 B 70 0 675 0
Clinton, Pa	Rev. W. H. Steck Rev. A. R. Howbert, D. D	8	 I 2	52 45	 5 41	97 116	1	117 156	7∞ ∞
Colorado Springs, Colo	Rev. C. W. Heisler	2	2 2	6	1 2	46	2 2	111	116 70 64 00
Columbus, O	Rev. D. Z. Foulk Rev. H. C. Grossman Rev. F. L. Sigmund Rev. U. A. Hankey Rev. J. F. Shearer Rev. G. W. Snyder	3	1 1 1 1 2	32 34 52 42 50	1 6 28 5	43 31 57 125 85	1 1 1	63 100 169 215	189 f: 174 9: 880 1: 650 0: 705 0:
Danbury, Conn	†	3		.98	14	98	1	20	450 o
David City, Neb	Rev. W. H. Blancke Rev. B. F. Crouse	6	. I	21	5 11	62 60	1	75 85	546 66 483 34
Denver, Colo. (English) }	Rev. C. J. Kiefer Rev. C. W. Heisler	4 2	1	14	31 13	123 136	2	212	600 re 325 00
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Dickson, Tenn Duquesne, Pa Eagle, Neb. (German)	Rev. E. M. Anthony Rev. O. F. Harshman Rev. O. L. Luschei Rev. E. S. Rees	8 1 1 1 3/3	2 1 3	18 75 45	3 2 	48 73 45 64	1	60 72 30 75	242 9; 87 00 60 00 25 00
Ellsworth, Kan	Rev. E. B. Killinger	2	2	26	3	44	2	64	150 (1
Emporia, Kan	Rev. S. G. Dornblaser.	8	2	2 14	17	 80	1	110	75 (C
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Findlay, O. Freeport, Ill. Freeport, Pa. Ft. Madison, Ia. Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Rev. H. A. Ott. Rev. J. E. F. Hassinger Rev. Ino. F. Seibert	8 83/3 83/3	1	23 54 28 24	11 46 13	69 160 103 24 100	1	250 250 56 78 40	298 26 705 0 914 4 150 0
Gloversville, N. Y	Rev. A. M. Whetstone	6	. I	64	23	200	1	225	1000 0 30 0
Gypsum, Colo		4	3		3		1	60	106 8
Hagerstown, Md Harrisburg and Steelton, Pa Hays City, Kan	Rev. M. L. Dietzler	8 8 3	1 2 1	37 108 8	10 6	116 102 33	2	135 350 49	1040 60 516 34 345 00
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Hudson, N. Y	Rev. F. W. Gretzler	7	I		10 11 14 4 8	70 140 47 47 78	1 1 1 2	24 170 74 60 105	450 0 750 0 436 3 272 0
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Kansas City, Mo	Rev. F. D. Altman	83/3	1	!	20	160	1		2008 1
Kearney, Neb	Rev. W. H. Naffziger Rev. J. E. Lerch	6	2	32 11	17	31 65	2	57 88	330 71 791 21
Kokomo, Ind Lansingburg, N. Y			1	42	 38	60		65	436 ∝
Lawrence, Kan	Rev. H. L. Yarger	5	1	13	19	110	1	180	802 2

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	150 27	1	- 1	_	43	4 20			10 00	679 8	Rev. C. resigned April 1, 1892. Vacant since
	2342 79	, .		!		1		_ 0_			Rev. K. resigned April 1, 1862.
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	391 50	15	Ro.	14	8-	17 76	16 28			766 6	Dedicated new house of worship April 23, 1893.
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Lawrenceville, Pa. (Pittsburgh) Leadville, Colo	Rev. C. P. Harrah Rev. J. C. Hougum Rev. S. C. Chatham	8 2	1	95 25	9	165 25	1	225 66	\$1044 75 104 50
Leavenworth, Kans	Rev. S. C. Chatham	5 8	1	9	1	36	I	92	248 82
Lima, O Lincoln, Neb., Grace	Rev. A. C. Miller, Ph. D Rev. Luther P. Ludden	6	2 1	37 26	11 2	117 64	2 1	158	926 52 515 00
Lincoln, Neb., St. Mark's	Rev. Leonard Groh	7	1	60	1	59	1	95	78 7 50
Logansport, Ind	Rev. A. B. McMackin Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer	6			<u>.</u>		٠	230	835 ∞
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Los Angeles, Cal	Rev. M. H. Stine	3	.	19		119	2	225	380 00
Loudonville, O	Rev. R. W. Gwinner	2	I	••••	• • • •	54	I	75	95 80
Loudouvine, O	Rev. G. C. Smith	2	. 1	8		64	I	90	225 25
Louisville, Ky	Rev. N. H. Weaver	I I	1 1	24 96		85 86	1	130	100 00 455 92
(Rev. Jonas Freet	5 1	2		11	61	I	95	43 00
Manchester, Kans	Rev. W. J. Kurtz	2	2	6	18	38	2	50	200 00
McCook, Neb	Rev. M. L. Kunkleman	5	4	3	6	90	2	65	30 00
Medford, Wis. (Ger.)	Rev. G. Probst	8	3	43	24	119	2	95	625 95
Mahaffey, Pa	Rev. G. W. Styer	1	2	8	4	67	2	140	66 75
Melrose, N. Y	Rev. A. N. Daniels	1	1		! <u> </u>	30	I	6	112 50
Minneapolis, Kans	Rev. I. F. Sponseller	2	3		10	60 116	2	135 198	392 85 465 00
Monroe, Wis	Rev. J. A. Beidler	5	2	12	ī	44	3	68	328 25
Morrellville, Pa		١	2				2		
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Nevada, Ia	Rev. G. H. Schnur, Jr	7 8	3	61	20	148 311		116 340	1108 55 1308 35
New Florence, Pa		,	2	2	1	123	2	105	100 00
New Kensington, Pa	1	1 4	I I	67	1 -	60	1	125	250 00
ſ	Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel	5	4	21	· · · ·	36	1	24	227 00
New Mexico Mission	Rev. Charles Pistor	I	4	••••		69	1	22	67 50
Norcatur, Kans	Rev. M. L Kunkelman	2	2	8		46	2	106	122 00
Norwood, Pa North Platte, Neb	Rev. E. S. Morell	8	1	29	. 8	. 6 ₇	1	140	494 94
Oakland, Cal Oakland, Md.	Rev. Philip Graif	8	1	, ,-	27	90	1	128	1200 00
Omaha, Neb	Rev. J. G. Griffith	475	I	13					558 33
Oswego, N. Y	Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D. D	3	1			140			400 00 597 70
Ottawa and Garnett, Kans }	Rev. J. F. Scherer	3	2	17	3	99 84		75	293 95
Pawnee, Neb.	Rev. R. W. Petrea	3 7	3	31		31 180			421 00
Philadelphia, Pa., Bethany Philadelphia, All Saints	Rev. S. G. Snannon	8 8	I	51	7			420	1683 31
Phillipsburg, Pa	Rev. W. F. Steck	8	I			75			
Princeton, Ills			1			1	1	1	1
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- 1	1579			00	5	40	6 00		3 35	45 67	1870	87	Rev. C. was commissioned Dec. 1. 1801.
- 1	2713 467			o8, 85		00	33 94	18 37	~~~		3771	53	Dedicated new church in Lima, Apr. 16, 1893.
	407	w	25	۰5,	25	05	13 30	2 00	20 78		1050		(This mission was vacant from Feb. 1, 1888,
- [164	36	21	97	11	25	26 75	13 25	6 40	40 00	975	48	until May 1, 1891, and had been abandoned.
i				1		-		•	1	'		1	(Rev. Groh was commissioned May 1, 1891.
	•••••		••••			•••						• • • •	Rev. Mc. M., died May 22, 1891.
	715 1084	01	24	38	46 25	95	49 22 22 35		11 28	19 00	1703	86	Rev. O. was commissioned Sept. 1, 1891. Rev. H. resigned May 1, 1892.
- 1	941	73	34	48	25 16	00	4 00			15 ∞	1206	56	Rev. S. was commissioned Aug. 1, 1892.
١						1			l			80	Nev. G. was commissioned Oct. 1, 1801. Re-
-1						1		1	l	1	95	~	, signed March 1, 1092.
4	13	00	7	00	7	00	7 00	7 50	8 90		250	65	Nov. 1, 1892.
	583	00	6	60		!			l	l			Rev. W. was commissioned Jan. 1, 1893.
ı	868	97	24	65	10	25	17 00	3 75	75		1417	59	Received as a mission Jan. 1, 1892.
- 1	50	00		•••	• • • • •	•••				¦			Rev. F. resigned May 1, 1891.
-	3208	75									3408	75	Rev. K. was commissioned Jan. 1, 1892. Resigned July 1, 1892.
			ļ					į.	1			•	Par K resigned May 2 2900 Vacant since
	706			••••	2	50	• • • • • • • •				738	50	then.
i	1209	68	••••	٠١	• • • • •	• • •		10 00			1888	13	Rev. P. resigned April 1, 1893.
-1	14	27							1		8 x	02	Rev. S. was commissioned Nov. 1, 1891.
		00	l						1				Mission received same date. Rev. D. resigned July 1, 1891.
. !		45	25	00	22	71	26 28	35 67	11 08		744	33	Rev. R. resigned Aug. 1, 1891.
1	1390	96	17	15	11	۲ <u>۰</u>	16 22	43 60			1591	27	Rev. S. was commissioned Nov. 1, 1892.
	132	26	20	04	7	70	13 60	19 40	5 30	• • • • • • • • •	447	69	Rev. B. was commissioned May 1, 1892.
	• • • • • •			• • •		• • •							Supplied by Rev. P. G. Bell. No regular pastor yet secured.
	181	10	17	75	6	55	7 40	10 10	2 95		540	17	Rev. S. resigned Jan. 1, 1802.
1	355	63	22	75	3	45	7 40 14 84	1 200	3 95	14 40	701	32	Rev. C. was commissioned April 1, 1892.
	4446			00		00	50 50		10 00				Became self-supporting Feb. 1, 1892.
	1299		1 50	00	84	25	54 ≪	38 00	1	1	2976	70	Rev. H. resigned July 1, 1891. At present
	47	61		• • •	• • • • •	•••		· ·····	6 00	•	I 53	6 I	supplied by Rev. P. G. Bell, of Altoona.
- 1	1163		24	45 80	9	50	13 00	, 7 oc	10 18				Received as a mission March 1, 1892.
1	262	50	6	80		45		5			501	90	Rev. R. resigned June 1, 1892.
ł	5	55	4	60							77	65	Rev. P. took charge June 1, 1892. Re-
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;	195	00	8	00		00	3 00				294	00	Rev. N. was commissioned Feb. 1, 1893. Received as a mission Oct. 1, 1892.
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	274-	:::	J:	80		•:-							became sen-supporting june 1, 1591.
	2144		31		22	55	39 6	30 90	23 50	24 00	3502	40	Became self-supporting June 1, 1801
	752	oc	4	27	70	00	15 34	2 1 40			1426	45	Rev. G. resigned May 1, 1892.
	257 1858	88	29) 5×	15	00	4 4	48 80	28 71		783	38	Became self-supporting June 1, 1891. Rev. G. resigned May 1, 1892. Rev. D. was commissioned May 1, 1892.
i	1858	67	43	39	38	46		31 6		4 95	2775	84	Day S resigned Inn a 1900
,	1345 1212	34		35 31	7.4		3 43 7 49	9 77	6 40	28 30	1000	9 04	Rev. S. resigned Jan. 1, 1892. Rev. L. commissioned June 1, 1892.
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	2436	23	32	20	31	60	40 0	21 0	12 20		4321	32	Rev. M. resigned April 1, 1893.
	1963 605	96	20			10				·¦•••••	3566	6 65	Rev. M. resigned April 1, 1893.
ı			1	24		55	II I		1	٠	1455	3 2 1	Kev. 5. resigned May 15, 1893.
1	6548	57	5	50	5 x	50	21 4	1 49 8	7 49	• • • • • • • •	7600	78	Rev. M. resigned April 1, 1893. Rev. S. resigned May 15, 1893. Supported by 1st Lutheran church, Sunbury, Pa.
			و ا	, oo			15 0	27 0			. 88	3 6c	Rev. S. resigned June 1, 1891.
	1554	82	! 31	27		83	30 6	o 16 o	386	5 <i>.</i>	2240	3 42	Rev. E. was commissioned Sept. 1, 1891.
	2454	. 84	2	5 90		88	I5 4	0 58	88 8	5	3181	8 40	Received as a mission April 1, 1891.
	275	00	20	33		•••		• • • • • • • • •		. 21 50	y 500	9 00	Became self-supporting Oct. 1, 1891.

MISSION.	MISSIONARY.	Number of Quarterly Reports Received	Number of Congrega- tions Reported	Accessions.	Losses	Number of Members Per Last Report	Number of Sunday- Schools		Paid by the Mission on Pastor's Salary	•
Richmond, Ind	. Rev. L. V. Schermerhorn		ı	16	2	15		122	\$75	, oc
Sacramento, Cal	. Rev. W. S. Hoskinson	8	x	50	23	100	1	146		35
San Diego, Cal	Rev. E. R. Wagner, Ph. D. Rev. C. W. Maggart	275	1 x	11	59	86	I	100	100	
ian Iosé, Cal	Rev. C. W. Maggart	. 7	I	35 73		100	1	75 112	330	
chenectady, N. Y	. Rev. W. G. Thrall	5		QI	8.	70 83	i	105	145	
harpsburg, Pa	. Rev. S. D. Daugherty	1 4	1	70	16	170	1		600	
Shenandoah, Pa	Rev. D. B. Treibley Rev. M. H. Havice	13%	X '	3	••••	160	1	140	100	
Sidney, Neb	Rev. E. Lee Fleck	5	1	35	7	108 40	I	132	500 720	
	. Rev. D. L. Mackenzie		x.	61,	23	135	1		765	
parrow's Point, Md	. Rev. Herman F. Kroh	4	1	37	5	32	x	87	225	00
pringfield, O	. Rev. Fred. G. Gotwald	4		53		53	,	125	498	00
teelton, Pa	Rev. W. L. Rutherford	8%	I I,	21	3	72	1	178	225	
yıvan, Pa	Rev. Geo. Trostle	0%	3	-7i	6	125	3	150 160	600 162	
nion Bridge, Md	Rev. G. G. M. Brown	8	1	76	16	138 234	1 2	240		
Valley Falls, Kan	Rev. A. M. Geiger, D. D	8	1	25	14	26	I	110	600	00
Vashington, Kan	•	ļ								
Vashington, D. C., Redeemer (Colored)	Rev. D. E. Wiseman	; 8	1	9	2	35		200	188	56
Washington, D. C., St. Mark's	. Rev. W. H. Gotwald	8	x'	36	4	80	ĸ	208	975	00
Vayne, Neb	. Rev. M. L. Melick	5	1	24	14	67	1	56	454	
Vellington, Kan	Rev. R. B. Whitehill	7	2	27	13	113	2	140	945	
Vest Point, Neb	Rev. L. L. Lipe	I 2	, ,	3 .	2	82 60	I	264 200	150 300	
Vest Port, Md	Rev. E. E. Ide	1	1 2.				-	60		· 00
Vichita, Kan	Rev. J. Angus Lowe	7	I	16	10	31	I	24	325	
Vilber, Neb		4	1	52	2	50	x	125	58 5	00
Vilkinsburg, Pa		5 '	I	58	5	54 78	I	90	37 ¹	
Villiamsport, Pa., Redeemer.	Rev. J. M. Steck		I	88	10		2,	300	552	
Voodbine Md	Rev. Leander Goetz	5 7	3	92 13	3	91 96	1	200	403 147	
Veyerts, Neb. (German)	Rev. G. J. H. Diekhoff			53		53	3 z	10		
				<u> </u>	 -'					
	,	84235	216 5	732 1	416	13216	200	19386	\$67593	50

	on Church Property and for other Local Purposes	Paid by the Mission	Home Missions		roragn Musions		Church Extension		Beneficiary Education.		Pastors' Fund and Orphans' Home	Society	Woman's Missionary	Total Contributions		REMARKS.
•	\$373	51	1				ļ	•••					••••	\$448	51	Rev. S. was commissioned Dec. 1, 18.
	6279			00	i .	47		00	27	00	2 00	١		6387	-	(New Hitssich.
	362				ļ			•••					00			Rev. W. resigned Nov. 1, 1891.
	585	37	20	6 r	2	87	15	00	12	20	3 00	14	3 00			Rev. M. was commissioned April 1, 1892.
	356	68	15	55		, 00		50				••••	• • • •			Received as a mission May 1, 1891.
		49		32		•••		00		00			• • • •			Received as a mission Dec. 1, 1801.
	2790			34	23	20	31	89	3	52	29 25					Became self-supporting July 1, 1892.
	152			20		•••			·····	•::	6 66	3	5 00			Rev. T. resigned Aug. 1, 1891. Rev. H. was commissioned Dec. 1, 1891.
	325 840			50		50		75						1440		
	1137			90		25		95						2311		
		57	1	36	1 -	52		87		65	1 -	••••	• • • •	334	-	(Received as a mission March 1, 1802. Re
	1035			20		1 65	11	00	15	00	5 07					Self-supporting July 1, 1892.
	269			95		00		00		50	15 71		• • • •	703	35	Received as a mission June 1, 1892.
	4564			60		66		•••	II	25	6 74	••••	• • • •			Rev. T. resigned Feb. 1, 1893.
		00		• • • •		:::		00		•••		••••	• • • •			Became self-supporting May 1, 1891. Rev. B. was commissioned March 1, 1891.
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	1145	00	20	00	1 19	60	90	60	58	40	5 00	4	00	1949	60	ley Falls and Effingham united March
				•••	!	•••	 •••••	•••	<u> </u>					, ,•••••		Served by Rev. J. E. Maurer in connection with Barner and Greenleaf.
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	337	04	· • • • •	• • •	• • • • •	•••	3	00		• •	1 00	• • • • •	••••	534	20	<u>, </u>
	gos	26	80	87	g	82	' 10	00	. 9	50	12 50			2687		
	57	10		35		00		44		70	11 00	2:	00	573	22	Rev. M. resigned July 1, 1892.
	4544			00		00		00	12	90	11 00	• • • •	• • • •	5199	05	Rev. W. was commissioned May 1, 1891.
	97			50		73		00	8	20	•••••	14	40	289	72	Rev. L. resigned July 1, 1891.
	120			00	10	00	10	00	20	ထ	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • •	••••			Rev. L. was commissioned Aug. 1, 1892. Received as a mission Jan. 1, 1893.
	251			34		20		12	23	ä	ı 68		• • • •	622	38	Rev. L. was commissioned May 1, 1891.
	126			00		75	ι .	46	2		3 37	10	50	742	32	Rev. L. was commissioned May 1, 1891. Received as a mission June 1, 1892. See Supporting Aug. 1, 1892.
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	1022			25	••••	::		62		::	10 85		•••			Received as a mission Nov. 1, 1891. Received as a mission July 1, 1891.
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		-5		33		68		25			10 07		, 30	216	52	Was commissioned July 1, 1891.
							l 									Received as a mission March 1, 1893.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

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No of missions enrolled	155 180
" missionaries commissioned	
" quarterly reports submitted	842%
" congregations served	214
" new missions received	
" new congregations organized	
" new churches built or bought	
" sermons preached	20,610
" pastoral visits made	
" infants baptized	2063
" catechumens instructed	3131
" accessions reported	5732
" losses reported	1416
" missions that became self-supporting	
Net gain in members	4316
Total number of communicants reported	13,216
No. of Sunday-schools	200
No. of teachers and scholars enrolled	
Paid by missions on pastors' salaries	
" on church property and local expenses	
" for Home Missions	
" for Foreign Missions	
" for Church Extension	2890 30
" for Beneficiary Education and Board of Educa-	
tion	
" for Pastors' Fund and Orphans' Home	
Paid by Woman's Missionary Societies	2023 09
Total contributions for salary and local expenses	272,174 42
" " for Benevolence	
" " for all purposes	305,020 16
We invite a careful scrutiny of this summarized statement of the	he results of
our Home Mission work during the biennium. We believe it will	
the conclusion that these have been "two good years." Along e	•
effort in this great enterprise of our Church there has been encou	uraging suc-
cess and decided progress. By a comparison of the results given in	
with those of the last, we find these cheering facts:	
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The number of missions aided in this biennium was 155, a gain	
missionaries commissioned, 180, a gain of 29; of churches built, 4	s, a gain of

The number of missions aided in this biennium was 155, a gain of 20; of missionaries commissioned, 180, a gain of 29; of churches built, 45, a gain of 9; of congregations organized, 39, a gain of 3; 347 more members were added to the churches, and there were 249 less losses, hence there was a net gain in members of 4316, as against 3720 in the last report. The total membership of the 155 mission churches under the care of the Board was 13216, about 8½ per cent. of the communicant membership of the General Synod.

But perhaps the most emphatic witness to the beneficent and decidedly remunerative character of this work is the excellent exhibit of its benevolent work. In this respect the results have been surprisingly large. These struggling congregations, many of them small and heavily burdened with the claims of their local work, have contributed in the aggregate \$15,958, an increase of \$2,367 over the preceding two years—or about 22½ per cent. of the amount given them by the Board in the support of their pastors.

SELF-SUPPORTING.

Another evidence of the success of Home Mission effort is to be found in the number of churches that become self-supporting. We, therefore, refer with pleasure to the fact that 18 of our missions made no further application for aid, but undertook their own support.

They retired from the care of the Board with warm expressions of gratitude and appreciation on account of the help and sympathy that had been ministered to them in their days of weakness and need; and with earnest resolves to manifest their gratitude by giving hearty co-operation to the Board in its future prosecution of the work. The following missions constitute the roll of honor of the 12th biennium.

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Anna, Ills...... Rev. Cephas Baird ..... November 1, 1891.
Baltimore, Md., Messiah. Rev. E. Felton......November 1, 1892.
Cincinnati, O......Rev. John A. Hall, D. D. May 1, 1892.
Circleville, O. ...... { Vacant when it became } No aid during last bien-
self-sustaining..... } No aid during last bien-
                   .....Rev. H. A. Ott......April, 1, 1893.
Freeport, Ills...
Gloversville, N. Y....... Rev. A. M. Whetstone .. August 1, 1892.
Kansas City, Mo......Rev. F. D. Altman .....April 1, 1893.
Lawrence, Kan..... Rev. H. L. Yarger.... May 1, 1892.
Manchester, Kan...... Rev. W. J. Kurtz ..... August 1, 1891.
Nevada, Ia......Rev. Geo. H. Schnur, Jr. February 1, 1893.
North Platte, Neb...... Rev. J. F. Kuhlman.... No aid after April 1, 1891.
Oakland, Md...... Rev. W. L. Leisher.... June 1, 1891.
Richmond, Ind...... Rev. J. W. Kapp...... October 1, 1891.
Sharpsburg, Pa...... Rev. S. D. Daugherty... July 1, 1892.
Springfield, O......Rev. Fred. G. Gotwald .. July 1, 1892.
Wilber, Neb......Rev. Geo. S. Diven ..... August 1, 1892.
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Of the above missions six were children's missions, namely: Kansas City, Nevada, Braddock, Gloversville, Sharpsburg and Springfield; and one, Freeport, Ill., was a mission of the Woman's Missionary Society.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONS.

The number of Missions that have been upon the roll and with two or three exceptions have received aid either the whole or part of the time since April 10, 1891, was 155, and were located as follows:

I. As to States—California, 5; Colorado, 5; Connecticut, 1; District of Columbia, 2; Illinois, 10; Indiana, 9; Iowa, 8; Kansas, 18; Kentucky, 2; Maryland, 11; Michigan, 1; Missouri, 1; Nebraska, 16; New Jersey, 1; New Mexico, 1; New York, 11; Ohio, 13; Pennsylvania, 36; Tennessee, 1; Wisconsin, 2. Total, 155.

II. As to Synods—Alleghany, 6; Central Illinois, 2; Central Pennsylvania, 1; California, 5; East Ohio, 4; East Pennsylvania, 10; Franckean, 1; German Nebraska, 3; Hartwick, 5; Iowa, 8; Kansas, 19; Maryland, 13; Miami, 7; Middle Tennessee, 1; Nebraska, 14; New York and New Jersey, 6; Northern Illinois, 5; Northern Indiana, 5; Olive Branch, 6; Pittsburg, 14; Rocky Mountain, 6; Southern Illinois, 1; Susquehanna, 3; Wartburg, 4; West Pennsylvania, 3; Wittenberg, 3.

Mission.

These missions were distributed as to *language*—English, 141; German, 10; German and English. 2: Scandinavian. 2.

THE WORK NOW ON HAND.

The Board has crossed the threshold of the thirteenth Biennium with an enrollment of 135 missions, a number greater by 21 than at any time in the past history of the work. This list includes several which have recently been received on the funds of the Board, not all of which are yet supplied with pastors, but it is hoped they will be in the near future, A fact will appear, upon examination of this list, that is worthy of remark. It will be seen that these missions are largely in cities and towns that have excellent prospects of material growth and prosperity. They are moreover strategic parts and hold a relation of large influence to the less populous and vigorous communities in the regions round about.

This is an important fact: whilst the smaller villages and the rural communities must not be overlooked, yet inasmuch as our population is becoming to a much larger extent urban, if the work is to have stability and progress and be influential and remunerative the centres of population and commercial enterprise must be occupied and held.

The pursuit of this policy will involve a great cost at the beginning, but will ultimately bring in large returns.

Missionary.

Synod.

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Akron, O	Rev. C. B. Etter	East Ohio.
Allegheny, Pa	Rev. C. B. King	Pittsburg.
Allentown, Pa	Rev. C. E. Hay	East Penna.
	Rev. Abram Miller	
	Rev. E. J. Metzler	
	Rev. E. L. Dreibelbis	
	Rev. W. L. Tedrow	
	Rev. W. F. Rentz	
	Rev. C. W. Baker	
Baltimore, Md. (Churc		
	Rev. R. H. Schmidt	Maryland.
Baltimore, Md. (Churc		
	Rev. D. Frank Garland	Maryland.
Baltimore, Md. (St. Luk	e's)Rev. C. E. Keller	Maryland.
	t)Rev. E. Ide	
	····Vacant·····	
	Rev. W. L.Remsberg	
	Rev. G. Gerlaw Clark	
	Rev. Robert A. White	
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	Rev. J. Eugene Dietterich	
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Drunswick, Mid.	Vacant	·· Maryland.
Degal, O. Common	Rev. J. F. F. Kayhoe	Wittenberg.
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	Vacant	
	Rev. Jacob H. Culler	
	Rev. Eli Miller	
Caddane (North York),	Pa Rev. T. B. Thomas	west renna.

Carrico, Neb. (German) Rev. August Firnhaber Nebraska.
Carthage, Ills Rev. C. E. Wirick Central Illinois.
Castle Shannon, PaRev. J. E. F. Hassinger Pittsburg.
Chambersburg, Pa
Chapman, KansRev. H. A. KoogleKansas.
Chapman, Mails
Chicago, Ill. (Grace)Rev. L. M. HeilmanNorthern Illinois.
Chicago, Ill. (Bethel, German) Rev. August Freyschmidt. Wartburg.
Chicago, Ill. (Nazareth, Ger.) Rev Wartburg.
Chicago, Ill. (St. Thomas, Ger.) Rev. Franz Weigmann Wartburg.
Cincinnati, O. (St. Paul's) Rev. E. R. Wagner, Ph. D. Miami.
Clarion, Pa Rev. H. E. Wieand Pittsburg.
Clearfield, Pa Rev. D. B. Treibley Alleghany.
Clinton, Ia
Canton, In
Coatesville, Pa
Colorado Springs, ColoRev. D. Z. FoulkRocky Mountain.
Columbus, O Rev. F. L. Sigmund Miami.
Connellsville, Pa Rev. U. A. Hankey Alleghany.
Conshohocken, Pa Rev. J. F. Shearer East Penna.
Council Bluffs, IaRev. G. W. SnyderIowa.
Danbury, Conn
Davenport, Ia Rev. W. H. Blancke Iowa.
David City, Neb
Denver, Colo. (English) Rev. C. W. Heisler Rocky Mountain.
Denver, Colo. (Scandinavian) Rev. H. P. Hansen Rocky Mountain.
Dickson, Tenn
Duquesne, Pa Rev. O. F. HarshmanPittsburg.
Eagle, Neb. (German)Rev. O. L. LuscheiGerman Nebraska.
Ellsworth, Kans
Emporia, Kans Rev. S. G. Dornblaser Kansas.
Emporia, Rans Rev. S. G. Dornbiaser Ransas.
Evansville, Ind Not yet supplied Olive Branch.
Findlay, O
Freeport, Pa
Ft. Madison, IaRev. John F. SeibertIowa.
Ft. Wayne, IndRev. J. S. NelsonNorthern Indiana.
Goshen, Ind
Gypsum, Colo
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Of the above two were received at the May meeting of the Board, but their commissions were dated March 1st. These were Weyerts, Nebraska, and Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Evansville, Ind., Clinton, Ia., and Morrellville, Pa. were received as missions several months ago, but they have not yet been supplied with regular pastors.

Besides those on this list toward whose support aid has been granted, many other openings just as rich in material, fully as promising, and equally as important, for which help had been sought, had to be refused because of the empty treasury.

It is with regret that we must record the inability of the Board to keep pace with the evangelical opportunities of our great and rapidly growing country. That perilous deficit has halted it again and again at the very gateway of fields waiving with the golden harvest, and compelled it to turn aside and leave them to other reapers.

The number of missions now on hand will require for their proper support considerably more than the amount of income that came to the Treasury during the last biennium, and unless there be a considerable advance, without question the work cannot be moved beyond the point which it has now reached.

SPECIAL NEEDS.

I. Home Mission Literature.—A felt want of our Church has been and still is a larger amount of suitable and effective Home Mission Literature, and the wider and more thorough dissemination of intelligence concerning the work. Until our people are well informed about its character, its immense importance and urgent needs, we cannot expect any deep concern or intense interest in its success on their part. Nor will they be disposed to offer it their warm encouragement and generous support.

The Board has been deeply sensible of this fact, and has aimed to meet this want by making available this powerful agency in publishing to the Church the superlative claims of Home Missions. Not only have they pressed upon our pastors the duty of distributing among their people the Missionary Yournal, which from time to time gives much valuable information; but they have had printed and sent out gratuitously a number of other publications relating to the work. Of these there were 20,000 copies of an abstract of the last biennial report, 21,000 copies of the "Home Mission Folder," besides the Luther Day Envelopes, Pyramids, circular letters, and sermons, exceeding in number a quarter of a million, all of which contained many important facts and figures in reference to the work.

About a year ago the Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., a member of the Board, offered a prize for the best three tracts on the subject, "The Home Mission Field of the Lutheran Church in the United States; its Opportunity and Duty." Quite a number of our ministers and laymen prepared tracts, all of which possessed a high order of merit. The committee appointed to adjudge them awarded the prizes to Rev. C. W. Heisler, Denver, Colo.; Rev. Adam Stump, York, Pa.; and Miss Laura Wade Rice, Baltimore, Md., in the order named.

These tracts have been published and thousands of them have already gone

out through the Church. No human eye can follow these leaves caught up and carried by the mail to all parts of our land; but we have testimony the most cheering and abundant that they are a fruitful means of awakening the interest of God's people in this great cause.

These tracts are furnished without cost to all churches who will faithfully distribute them. We invite the cooperation of our pastors in putting them in every home in the Church.

2. More Men.—Repeated calls come to us from all parts of the mission field for earnest men who are willing to go forth and sow the seed with patience and self-denial.

Such needs demand men of superior qualities, moral, earnest and sanctified common-sense, who realize that they have a mission, and are ready to work for the glory of God and the saving of souls. It does not answer the great need to say that there are unemployed ministers here and there. The ranks of the ministry must be replenished continually with young men of ardent purpose, who are ready to throw their lives into the work and to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Young men are needed, who turning from the paths of worldly ambition, are willing to devote themselves to the service of Christ, to be toilers in His vineyard with the fervor of love and patience of hope. How shall the want be supplied? The most potent voices and pens should be employed to call these young men into the service of the Master. Synods and conferences should consider themselves solemnly charged with the duty of aiding in recruiting the ranks of the ministry.

The Board would send the loud call for men to the Church, reminding pastors and people that never could the words of the Master more fully apply than here and now, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

Never has there been greater need than in this country, and now, that one and all should hearken to his words, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

3. Larger Contributions.—The growing magnitude of the work makes obvious and imperative the need of an enlarged income. This is the old story, oft-repeated and without charm, and yet it is a matter of far-reaching and vital importance, and must be kept in the front and be lifted into increasing prominence. What will be the financial history of the three remaining bienniums of this closing decade of this golden century? Every hope, and purpose, and plan for the future of our Home Misssion work waits upon this question and its answer. Enlargement here means enlargement of this great cause of the Church over the wide sweep of our matchless field, and encouragement and hope to the self-sacrificing men and women who are giving their lives and services to the prosperity of our Church and the welfare of our land. Whilst a decrease or an arrest of growth in the income will mean a hindering of the proper and possible advancement of the work, a result that would be extremely disastrous to every important interest of the Church, and entail suffering and privation upon our missionaries.

The question, therefore, of the hour, the question that comes to this representative body of our beloved Church now for solution, is, "Shall this work go forward, or shall a halt be called?" We must lay the responsibility of advance or retreat upon the Church itself. No member can escape his full share of responsibility. How many earnest cries for the bread of life shall we respond to? How many refuse? How many doors of opportunity silently swinging apon their hinges before us shall we enter? It is for the Church to say. The only limit to our work is the money limit.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The United States offers the grandest opportunity for missionary enterprise and achievement on the globe. In one century it has increased its territory tenfold. The population has practically doubled in every twenty-five years since 1685, with a small falling off from that ratio in later years. The census of 1860 gave the number as 31,443,730; that of 1890 gave 62,830,361. The increase of population west of the Mississippi was 61 per cent. from 1870 to 1880, while during the same period it averaged 29 per cent. in the whole country.

As an illustration of growth in the very heart of our great Home Mission field, take the State of Nebraska. About a year age it celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its admission to statehood. The population increased from \$8,000 in 1867 to 1,050,000 in 1890; assessed property from a valuation of \$20,000,000 to \$250,000,000; railway mileage from 200 to 5,500. The rapid development of other sections of our country, as western Pennsylvania, the oil and natural gas fields of Ohio and Indiana, the newer States beyond the Mississippi, and the Pacific States, is a marvel of recent growth, and the whole country is bound together from ocean to ocean in common language, interest, enterprise, and destiny.

The natural increase in population is largely augmented by immigration. Nearly 15,000,000 have come in the last half century; 5,000,000 in the last decade, and three-fourths of these go beyond the Father of Waters. Among these millions of immortal souls the great Church of the Reformation has gone preaching the gospel of the kingdom with marked efficiency, and encouraging success. In almost three-quarters of a century the population of the country has increased at the rate of 32 per cent. for each decade. The membership of the Lutheran Church has increased at the rate of 68 per cent., and whereas the ratio of its communicant membership to the entire population in 1820 was about one in 400, in 1890 it was about one in 60.

And is not the development of the past but the prophecy of the future in the church and in the state? There is still a demand for population from hundreds of promising sections of the country. They are hungry for people. Laws may regulate immigration, but they cannot check it. The Pacific coast will at no distant day rival the Atlantic in population and wealth and power. Besides, this general field unparalleled in extent, in opportunity, in promise of large outcome for effort put forth, there are scores of special fields in which

the material for the operations of our church is abundant, and the doors of entrance peculiarly inviting. More than a hundred cities, prominent, prosperous and powerful, having a large percentage of German and Scandinavian population, and whose children are rapidly becoming Anglicized, but among whom no English church of our General Synod has been organized, must be occupied without delay, or our opportunity will be irretrievably lost, and the future power and glory of our church be sadly imperiled.

Such conditions challenge the church, and must put an increasing demand upon its practical resources.

They require prompt, decisive, aggressive action, that these points of advantage may be occupied and held.

The remarkable growth of our Home Mission interests in the last twenty-five years, shows its power of adaptation to the supreme need of the Church. That growth can be largely accelerated and expanded, if the pastors and people can be aroused to put on their full strength.

Such grandeur of opportunity summons us up into the mount, to look out upon the vision and down the centuries, to seize opportunities and plan comprehensively, that our beloved Church may become the Church of Reformation and of Reconciliation in this mighty nation, a joy to millions.

What will the General Synod of 1893 do?

This work to which our pastors and people are pledged by solemn sanction, glorious heritage and providential position, no less than by largeness of opportunity and the possession of the means for doing God's work, requires the greatest sacrifice. All are alike under obligation to make it. Ministers and laymen, parents and children, all are united in this great missionary cause, that each may bear a part by prayers, and gifts, and labor, in carrying on a glorious campaign in the name of the Triune God. Shall it not be a glad and whole hearted service?

With devout gratitude to God for all that has been accomplished in the past in Home Missions, and especially for the divine benediction that has rested upon the work in the last biennium, recalling the labors and sacrifices of many who have been co-workers in this blessed service, the record which here closes, and which is now respectfully submitted, shall by God's grace be but the introduction to a grander future of hope and toil, and so of triumph for the Kingdom of our Lord in these United States of America.

By order and in behalf of the Board:

A. STEWART HARTMAN, General Secretary.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., President, Baltimore, Md. Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., San Francisco, Cal. Rev. J. C. Koller, D. D., Hanover, Pa. Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D., Washington, D. C. Rev. Geo. W. Enders, D. D., York, Pa. Lemuel T. Appold, Esq., Baltimore, Md. Mr. L. Z. Doll, Baltimore, Md. Mr. I. C. Slater, Washington, D. C. Mr. Albert F. Fox, Washington, D. C.

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Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, General Secretary.
Lemuel T. Appold, Esq., Treasurer.
Rev. Samuel B. Barnitz. D. D., Western Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In obedience to the rule of this body the Board also herewith submits the following resolutions relative to the various features of its work covered by this report, for your consideration.

If they accord with your judgment and merit your approval, we respectfully ask that they be adopted and placed on record with this report as your action.

I. ON THE WORK DONE.

- 1. That we have heard with pleasure and thankfulness to God, the cheering information of the encouraging results that have waited upon the efforts of the Board in their administration of the trust committed to them during the biennium just closed, and upon the devoted and self-sacrificing services of the missionaries in the Field.
- 2. That we are gratified to learn that the receipts for the work of Home Missions show a fair advance over the last two years, though not so large as was hoped for, in view of the fact that the apportionment had been increased \$5,000.
- 3. That we gratefully appreciate the evidences of a growing interest in the enlargement and success of this work on the part of individual members of the church as indicated in the greater number of gifts offered for its support, both by the living and those who have finished their earthly course.
- 4. That we heartily approve the plan of "annuity gifts" as an additional source of revenue for the Home Mission cause, and that we declare it as our judgment that this plan be made a special feature of the work of this Board.
- 5. That we rejoice in the knowledge of the large spiritual and benevolent results that have followed the preaching of the word and the administrations of the sacraments by our 180 missionaries, and that we discern in them the favoring smile of the great Head of the church and His distinct command to

go forward with quickened step and with renewed zeal and consecration to the possession of the fruitful fields of our splendid heritage.

6. That we fully appreciate the importance of the widest possible dissemination of Home Mission intelligence, and regarding it as one of the most potent agencies in promoting the largest success of the work, we agree to use our best endeavors in co-operating with the Board to accomplish the distribution of suitable literature among our congregations.

We desire also to express our grateful appreciation of the generous act of Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D., in providing the way for the publication of a number of valuable Home Mission tracts.

7. That we thankfully recognize the continued fidelity and increasing usefulness of the Woman's Missionary Society; and we urge upon our pastors the establishment in every church of an Auxiliary Society, that the already splendid record of the faithful work of our sisters may be made yet more illustrious.

ON THE WORK OF THE FUTURE.

- 8. That the unprecedented work of the Sunday-schools during the past two years in providing, by their gifts of over \$15,000, for the support of 26 missions, calls for special recognition and congratulation. We also renew and emphasize the recommendation of this body made at Lebanon: "That all our pastors and superintendents use not only their best endeavor to give the children full information about this work, but also present to every child the opportunity to make an offering to its support on Luther Sunday."
- 9. That it is our sincere conviction that on the ministry the growth of the church in its benevolent enterprises chiefly depends, and that we urge upon the ministers of all our churches that at least once a year, after careful study and preparation, they preach, out of a full heart, on the cause of Home Missions, and that they studiously plan to make each year's offering larger than the last.
- ro. That we are deeply impressed with the fact that there is imperative need of more men—earnest, devoted, Christly men—for our ministry to meet the requirements of our growing work, and we believe that no question more vital to the future growth and welfare of the Church confronts it to-day. We, therefore, call upon our ministry and laity to bear this great need upon their hearts and upon their petitions to the Lord of the harvest, thus fulfilling His own command: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into His Harvest."
- II. That in view of the glorious results that have crowned the work of Home Missions in the past, and of the rich promise of even greater success in the future if we promptly and adequately meet the opportunities at hand, we are certain that the heart of the Church throbs with but one sentiment, and that its voice utters but one command, and that, "Press on." Therefore, that the Board may not only be authorized, but enabled to execute that command, we authorize that the apportionment for the work of Home Missions for each of the two years be \$40,000.

A. STEWART HARTMAN, General Secretary.

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L. T. APPOLD, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the

	General Synod.				
	For two years, April 1st, 1891, to March 31st	, 1893	7.		
1893. March 31.	Balance in General Fund April 1, 1891 " Mrs. Stork Fund April 1, 1891			Dr \$5400	
	" " Alex Smith " " " " " Adam Sheffer " " " Lutheran Publication Society	280 430	-	1060	-
	Total from Synods			54723	28
	Contributions not credited to Synods			10162 2414	• •
	Lutheran Missionary Journal			100	00
	Interest on Loan to Kearney, Neb Bequest of John C. Creager, late of New Chester, Pa	100	00	250	00
	Bequest of Rev. W. G. Mennig, Allentown, Pa.		00		
	Bequest of Israel Sells, late of Spencer, Ind Bequest of Andrew Mowers, late of Mans-	111	07		
	Request of Mrs. Louise Young late of York Pa	800			
	Bequest of Mrs. Louisa Young, late of York, Pa. Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, late of Hagerstown, Md.	100			
	Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Bergh, late of Break- abeen, N. Y	•	œ		
	Bequest of David Emerich, late of Penn Hall,	145			
	Bequest of Miss Amelia Waesche, late of Baltimore, Md	487	_		
	Bequest of Mrs. P. Sahm, late of New Berlin, Pa	•	-5		
	Bequest of Miss Mary Michael, late of Baltimore, Md	•			
	Bequest of John Rung, late of Petersburg, Pa.	1344	49	8168	57
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March 31.	Salaries of Missionaries		8	70097	
•	Special Missionary Services			337	58
	Salaries of two Secretaries for two years			7200	
	Traveling expenses of Secretaries Traveling expenses of members of Boards			982 157	
	Printing and stationery, including reports, prize tracts and mite chests for Sunday-schools			1527	-
	Postage and expressage			467	3 6
	Interest on money borrowed and repaid			41	
	Incidental expenses Balance of Alex, Smith Fund	\$280	n۶	105	55
	" "Adam Sheffer Fund	430	-		
	" John Rung Fund			2042	97
	Balance General Fund		_	1319	

Tabular Statement

Of the amount apportioned to each District Synod for the two years ending March 31st, 1893, and the amount paid by each.

Synods.	Apportionment		Paid		Deficit ·····		Excess	
Maryland	\$8599	<u> </u>	\$8067	78	\$531	22		
West Pennsylvania	10581	00	7359					
Hartwick	2116	00	1665			45		
New York and New Jersey	4287	∞	2421			74		
East Ohio	2742			41	586	59		
Alleghany	5981	00	4833	38	1147	62		
East Pennsylvania	8334			28				
Miami	2062	∞	1773	90	288	10		
Central Illinois	972	00	894	93		07		
Wittenberg	3555	00	2073	04	1481	96		
Olive Branch	1495	∞	1457		37	29		
Northern Illinois	1353	00	1063	44	289	56		
Pittsburgh	3455	00	2752	76	702	24		
Northern Indiana	1970	00	1162	59	807	41		
Central Pennsylvania	3959	00	2436	69	1522	31		
Iowa	727			93			55I	93
Southern Illinois	486	00				29		
Franckean	1177	00	586	28	590	72	[
Susquehanna	4307	00	3606	33	700	67		
Kansas	1319	00	1002	25	316	75		
Nebraska	1866	00	1000	21	865	79	1	
Wartburg	1229	00	263	02	965	98	i	
Middle Tennessee	354	∞	37	37	316	63		
California	118	00	37 254	87	1		136	87
Rocky Mountain	125	00	67	85	57	15		
German Nebraska	1		282	77	!	-	282	77
Total	\$73169	<u></u>	\$54723	28	\$19417	29	\$971	5

The several recommendations submitted by the Board were duly considered by the Synod and made its own action, after which the report was adopted as a whole.

The usual committees to audit the Treasurer's account and to nominate a Board were appointed, and their reports here follow:

Auditors' Report.

The Committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find the account correct and supported by the proper vouchers. The committee recommend that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Treasurer

for the faithful performance of his laborious work and his self-sacrificing services to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BURR REDDIG, WM. L. ARMIGER, W. H. HULL,

Committee.

Adopted.

Board Nominated.

Your Committee to nominate a Board of Home Missions for the next two years presents the following names:

Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D. Rev. M. W. Hamma, D. D. Rev. J. C. Koller, D. D. Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D.

Rev. G. W. Enders, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. Appold, Esq. Mr. Albert F. Fox. Mr. L. Z. Doll.

Mr. S. E. Slater.

JOHN A. HALL,
P. H. MILLER,
W. H. SETTLEMYER,
G. Z. COCHEL,
E. BROWN,
A. N. WARNER,
HENRY S. BONER,
J. M. SEARLES,

J. M. SARVER, LUTHER TROXELL.

Adopted and nominees appointed.

Biennial Services of the Board of Home Missions.

The evening services held to celebrate the progress of the past two years and the Divine blessing on the work of Home Missions were honored by a crowded house. A chaste and beautiful leaflet, prepared for the occasion by the Board, gave the order of exercises and some interesting information regarding the work. Rev. Charles S. Albert, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., President of the Board and of the General Synod as well, presided, and Revs. C. E. Hay, A. B. Shrader, A. Stewart Hartman and H. K. Fenner, D. D., assisted in the services. The addresses were made by Rev. John A. Hall, D. D., and Rev. C. W. Heisler, both of them missionaries of the Board, and at the close of the service an opportunity was afforded of contributing to this great cause, resulting in a collection for Home Missions amounting to \$46.46.

PROCEEDINGS

RELATING TO THE

Board of Church Extension.

The Order of Business of General Synod appointed Monday morning, May 29th, for hearing the report of the Board of Church Extension, which was accordingly read by the Secretary, Rev. H. H. Weber, and is as follows:

Twelfth Biennial Report of the Board of Church Extension.

Mr. President, Fathers and Brethren:

We present to your honorable body to-day, for your consideration and action, the Twelfth Biennial Report of your Board of Church Extension. In doing so we would respectfully call your attention to the following matters:

ORGANIZATION.

The Board was constituted as follows by the last General Synod, held at Lebanon, Pa.:

Revs. Wm. S. Freas, D. D., B. F. Alleman, D. D., W. S. Hinman, Henry B. Wile, Messrs. M. B. Spahr, Jere Carl, Arthur King, J. A. Dempwolf, P. H. Glatfelter.

On June 9th the Board met for organization at its office in York, Pa. The following were elected:

President-Rev. Wm. S. Freas, D. D.

Treasurer-Mr. Jere Carl.

General Secretary-Rev. H. H. Weber.

Western Secretary-Rev. J. N. Lenker.

Attorney-Geo. E. Neff, Esq.

The following Standing Committees were also appointed:

Committee No. 1—On Applications.

Rev. W. S. Freas, D. D., chairman, Jere Carl, Rev. Willis S. Hinman.

Committee No. 2-On Law and Business.

M. B. Spahr, chairman, Arthur King, J. A. Dempwolf.

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Committee No. 3—On Church Plans, Locations and Estimates. Rev. B. F. Alleman, D. D., chairman, Rev. Henry B. Wile, P. H. Glatfelter.

Prudential Committee.

[In case of important business arising during the interim of the Board's regular meetings (first Tuesday of each month) this committee is given full power to act.]

Rev. W. S. Freas, D. D., chairman, M. B. Spahr, J. A. Dempwolf, Jere Carl, Rev. H. H. Weber.

RECEIPTS.

The sum total of receipts shows this time the gratifying amount of \$107,-115.33. Such a result surely calls for songs of praise and thanksgiving. Note how marvellous our increase has been:

At Omaha, Neb., the total was	\$63,628	83
At Allegheny, Pa., net total	65,921	89
At Lebanon, Pa		
And now here at Canton, O	107,115	33

This shows an increase of \$27.260.15 in the past two years. Let us see whence came these receipts.

1. The increase has been largely from the Synods, directly on the apportionment, and therefore speaks well for the growth of interest in our work. Two years ago the Synods gave us all told only \$42,761.75; this time the count shows \$54,975.51. Hence there has been an increase in the amount given by the Synods of \$12,213.76. At Lebanon the increase over the two previous years was \$4,308.75. At Omaha the report showed that the Synods gave us only \$29,271.90; at Allegheny, \$39,823.00; at Lebanon, \$42,761.75; at Canton, \$54,975.51. From no other source is the increase so encouraging as from this, as it proves that the interest in, and liberalty towards, the cause of Church Extension are steadily growing amongst our churches. In many respects Church Extension appeals least of all other benevolent objects to the emotional spirit of the people, and yet notwithstanding this barrier the increase from this source has not only been on the rise biennium after biennium, but during the past two years has been the largest of all. And yet we are about \$14,000 short of the comparatively small amount asked for by the General Synod. Two years ago this Board did not ask for an increase in the apportionment, therefore it was confidently hoped that the Synods might reach the sum asked for. There is surely no reason why every Synod should not raise its entire apportionment; however, we will make no complaint, but take courage and press on, hoping and praying for increased giving by our churches and Synods until not only the full apportionment, but much more, will stand to the credit of every Synod for Church Extension. In this connection it is well to say that two years ago only one Synod exceeded the apportionment, and that by only \$2.00. This year seven Synods do so, as follows:

Northern Illinois, excess of apportionment,	\$162 62
Iowa, excess of apportionment,	58 19
German Nebraska, excess of apportionnet t,	120 14
California, excess of apportionment,	129 97

There was no apportionment made for the German Synod of Nebraska, so we presume this credit should be given to the mother Synod. May the next biennium find every Synod in excess.

- 2. We received from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society \$8,255.09. Four years ago it was \$2,439.00, two years ago \$2,475.30, an increase in the past two years of \$5,779.79. Another handsome remittance of nearly \$4,000.00 was sent us early in April, but as our books were already closed, this sum could not be included in the past two years. We are satisfied with the present increase. Our women are taking excellent care of their own missions on the Pacific coast. God speed them to multiply their churches everywhere!
- 3. From bequests we report this time only \$1,560.15. Two years ago it was \$10,806.70, four years ago nothing. There is a decrease here of \$9,246.55. But this does not discourage us, as we believe faithful sowing will reveal a rich harvest in coming years. We have been pushing the bequest feature with some vigor, and the responses have been not a few. Coming years only can tell the results of this work. "One soweth, another reapeth." We may not live nor be in the work when the golden grain shall be gathered, but we feel confident it will come. Our wealthy men and women are daily feeling more their responsibility to our Church and her respective agencies. As our Church grows, and her people, hitherto comparatively poor, become wealthy, they must, if they use well the talents God has given them, give liberally of their means to carry on the important work of the Church. We look with great expectancy and bright hope for growing results from the gifts of those whom God has richly blessed with earthly possessions.
- 4. Returned loans amount to \$19,059.51. This shows an increase of \$11,-982.07. Had the Board exercised its rights and used its powers disinterestedly and heartlessly, as is sometimes charged it does, that increase might have been from \$20,000 to \$25,000. In many cases the Board has made an extra donation to assist the congregation to wipe out its indebtedness, and has been most lenient in the repayment of its matured loans. We have never yet unduly pushed a congregation to pay us back when they were not able to do so. In every case we have assisted so that the congregation could easily meet its obligation and thus be put on the

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following belong to this roll, who have either in part or in whole returned their matured loans:

Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C. First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Cal. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Kansas. Evangelical Lutheran Church, Knoxville, Iowa.

German Lutheran Church, Gothenburg, Nebraska. Zion's Lutheran Church, Benedict, Nebraska. First Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Kansas. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Gordon, Pa. Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md. Grace Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md. St. James Lutheran Church, Banner City, Kansas. Messiah Lutheran Church, Burlingame, Pa. Fourth Lutheran Church, Altoona, Pa. Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington, Iowa. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grafton, W. Va. St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Atchison, Kansas. Evangelical Lutheran Church, Point of Rocks, Md. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Belleville, Ohio, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ottawa, Kansas. Bethany Lutheran Church, Pittsburg, Pa. Trinity Lutheran Church, Kanapolis, Kansas, English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Coalport, Pa. St. John's Lutheran Church, Delaware, Ohio. First Lutheran Church, Philipsburg, Pa.

This list will increase, we believe, from year to year. The Board has granted from time to time extensions on the loans when the congregation really needed more time. We are here to assist, and not to hinder the promising and worthy congregation. The Board acts exclusively on this principle. Most heartfelt appreciations have come from the congregations to whom we have given aid, and who have returned to us their money.

- 5. \$100 is given as a donation from the Editorial Committee of the Lutheran Missionary Journal. Under most careful, conservative business management, the Journal this year made a dividend of \$100 to each of the Boards, and to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Considering that the price of the Journal is only twenty-five cents per year, this is a large gift. In this connection we wish again to commend this valuable helper to the favorable consideration of the General Synod. Being the official organ of the Boards of our Church and of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, our people can not do without it. We know of several cases, which have come to our notice of late, where large gifts have been given to our various Boards, and where the giver read no other church periodical but the Lutheran Missionary Journal. We thank God that our efforts in behalf of the Journal have not been in vain. It ought to be in every Lutheran home of our land.
- 6. We likewise gratefully acknowledge \$2,000 from our Lutheran Publication Society. Thus the profits made out of supplies ordered by our churches and people are spent again in extending the Master's kingdom and building up the walls of our own Church. We rejoice in the continued prosperity of our Publication Board.

7. Under the head of "Other Sources" \$2,880.99 are reported. This is, among other things, from personal gifts of those who send their money directly to the Treasurer. Whenever possible, credit is given to the proper congregation and Synod.

EXPENDITURES.

These have again been itemized, so that the Church can see how wisely and carefully your Board has managed its stewardship. Vouchers accompany the report of the Treasurer for all monies expended. We call your attention to the following items:

- 1. Churches aided. Loans, donations and special appropriations have been made to 104 different congregations, amounting all told to \$86,450.11. Two years ago this item read "Loans and donations have been made during the past two years, in larger or smaller sums, to 75 different congregations amounting to \$38,453.61." It will be interesting to note in this connection that by far the greater number of grants during these past two years was made in the shape of donations. In other words, of the 104 places where appropriations were made, only 39 were in the shape of loans. Sometimes we hear the complaint made that our Board uses the Loan Fund to the detriment of the Donation Fund, and presses the former more than the latter. These figures tell a far different story: 104 aided, 39 by loans, and 65 by donations.
- 2. The expenditure for printing, stationery, circulars, maps, tracts, services, etc., is money well spent. We have always believed that judicious advertising pays and pays richly. It has proven so here. Furthermore our Easter Services, although the labor in the preparation of the same has been given by members of the Board without cost to the Church, and cheerfully, have still been of considerable expense, especially when it is remembered that 60,000 of a sixteen page service were sent out this year to our Sunday-schools. But see what results! Last year we obtained about \$11,000, and this year over \$12,000, a total of about \$23,000. Surely such advertising brings large returns. After all, what our people need most of all, is information, and if we can give this to them so cheaply, the results in coming years can not now be forefold.
- 3. Relative to office expenses we repeat what we said two years ago. "It might be stated here for the benefit of those who are not acquainted with the fact that we have a joint office with the Lutheran Missonary Journal. Half of the expenses, such as rent, fuel, light, etc., are borne by this Board. Under 'office expenses' we include postage, legal papers, recording of deeds and necessary expenses of that kind which belong to our Board exclusively, such as other Boards of our Church are not called upon to bear. This explained, you will see at what small expense a vast amount of business has been done and the Church's money properly and safely secured. After a careful comparison with the expenses of the Board of Church Extension of other denominations for this work, we are prepared to say that our expenditures show most remarkable economy and an outlay of the Church's funds many per cent. less than that of any other of these Boards."

4. The report shows a balance in hand of \$10,637.70. This just happens so for a brief time. The Board has made appropriations in loans and donations amounting to nearly twice that sum. As this money may be called for at any time when the conditions of the grant are met and the proper papers are executed, the Board is practically under obligations to much more than it now has in hand. It has been banking on the future liberality of its churches and people. So pressing have been the appeals and so urgent the calls for assistance that your Board has, for over eighteen months, had an over appropriated Treasury. That is, were the money to have been demanded at once, the Board would have had to go to the banks to borrow money to meet its claims.

WORK DONE.

As previously stated one hundred and four congregations have been directly aided by the Board. But this does not by any means tell the whole story. The Secretaries have personally visited the fields requiring attention, and raised on the ground, by personal solicitation, a large amount of money. In some of these cases, where money was asked from the Board, the same was declined with the understanding that one of the Secretaries attend the dedicatory exercises, and raise the amount needed to free the congregation from all indebtedness. Thus more was really given to the congregation than they had asked for, and there came a greater blessing to them, for it had been given mostly by themselves. This had been especially the case with the General Secretary. The Board has on several occasions absolutely refused aid, and then sent the General Secretary to the place with instructions to secure the money needed. In every case, not stipulating for one exception, more has been gathered, and in a few cases almost twice and three times as much as was asked for from the Board. This has opened up a new field for the Secretaries, and one which, if cultivated faithfully, will save many thousands to the Board and prove a grand benediction to our mission congregations. "Self-help is the best help." About \$30,000 have been raised in the past two years through the labors of the General Secretary, and thus so many more churches practically aided by our Board. Equally as encouraging is the

REPORT OF THE WESTERN SECRETARY,

which we give in this connection:

- "Among the eighty-one monthly reports I have mailed to the Board, those of the last two years show more efficient work accomplished than those of any other biennium. Nearly the entire time, as in other years, was spent in the field, the office work, which is no small item, being done *enroute* from one appointment to another.
- 1. Presentation of the Work. To twenty-five conventions of District Synods, reaching from New York and Pennsylvania to California, often in the day and evening sessions; also to congregations, the Woman's Conventions, Conferences, mission festivals and our educational institutions. No less than 326 sermons and addresses were delivered, and 254 places were visited.
 - 2. Mission Work among our Western Lutheran Dispersion.—There is no

exaggerating the magnitude, need and promise of this field. It is a real pleasure to minister the means of grace to settlements which are not visited by a Lutheran pastor. This is a most efficient way of preparing the Lutheran laity to do Church Extension work for themselves. The harvest of such work done in the Lutheran spirit will most certainly appear in due time.

3. Property Secured.—Church lots, 42, valued at \$13,050; new church buildings started, 15, valued at \$17,040; church debts paid, including four parsonages, 18, amounting to \$8,100; total, \$28,190. The money raised at dedications, and the assistance rendered to points where the work was of the character as that at Ft. Wayne, Ind., Lima, O., and Oakland, Cal., are not included in the above."

Our Western Secretary, it will be seen, with but little expense to us has been doing a telling work for our Church. No one can compute adequately the good he has cone in the past two years. Our Western Secretary has aided in some way or other at thirty-three different places. These, and some ten possibly aided by the General Secretary, make a total of one hundred and forty-seven congregations assisted by the Board through its established agencies. Surely with such results we should take courage and go ahead. God has richly blessed our work and our endeavors for Him, and with increased energy and well directed zeal in the future even grander results can be accomplished. We now call attention to several other matters.

OUR ASSETS.

Our assets are reported at \$223,381.20. To make a fair comparison with those of other reports we must add our real estate, held in our name for various congregations, for these properties were included in our reports of former years. These the report shows to be \$247,381.20, showing an actual increase of \$46,761.60 in the past two years. Twenty years ago the assets of the Board amounted to \$12,200, and six years ago to \$82,880; now they are practically \$247,381.20. But if there is one thing that has been misunderstood more than anything else it has been the productive value of our assets. Applicants, and others, too, who should have known better, have referred to our assets as showing so much productive capital, and when we have declined an application from a lack of funds it was said, "It is not so; you have lots of money; why just see what assets you have-\$200,000!" Such reasoning has not been infrequent. It is for this cause that we would turn the attention of the General Synod for a moment to our assets, and show what an unproductive capital it really is, and represents, as far as actual use is concerned, practically nothing.

What are our assets?

a. Mortgages on church property. Money tied up, that only becomes available when the loan has matured, and in many cases not even then. Some of these loans are of twenty years or more standing, and may never net us one cent. In many cases in order to assist the congregation to meet its obligations we are compelled to scale the principal until the return to us is but a mere

trifle. But even if the mortgage is gilt edge it is no good to us at all, for we can realize nothing on it, nor do we receive any interest for the money invested.

- b. Real estate. We own church properties, as will be seen, in Philadelphia, Pa., Hudson, N. Y., Burlington, Ia., Hastings, Neb., and in other points. Can we sell these and realize on them? By no means. The money is invested there, and, as has been the experience of the Board, generally remained there, possibly for years to come.
- c. Lots. Our Western Secretary was especially appointed in the beginning to do nothing else but to secure lots in newly-laid-out towns. He has been successful in this particular and has sent us deeds for many most excellentlylocated lots that will be of incalculable benefit to our Church in coming years. But what good are these lots to us as far as raising money is concerned to help worthy applicants? None whatever; in some cases rather a small expense in the way of taxes. They are a pledge beforehand of aid when the congregation organized is ready to build a church. Our assets, therefore, have no relation whatever to our available capital to help needy points. We must look to the Synods for money to carry on our work, and when these fail us, our work must be curtailed. As has been well said by a member of this Board in a recent article in one of our church papers, "the current ability of this Board depends upon the current contributions of the Church." We trust with this explanation that our large assets will not be hereafter quoted as having anything to do with our ability to assist the worthy missions. Years hereafter the Church will reap the benefit of these assets and then our Board will be enabled to make vast strides for the upbuilding of our beloved Lutheran Church.

We note further some

GENERAL MATTERS.

- 1. The relations of our Board with that of the Home Mission Board, with whom we are the most intimate co-laborers, have been most pleasant and agreeable. Indeed, the work of the Home Mission and Church Extension Boards is one work, and one interest cannot do without the other. It is eminently necessary that the faithful missionary have a home into which to gather his flock, and unless such a home is speedily provided, the work must be retarded, and often prove a failure. In this respect we feel that the plan of securing sites for church buildings inaugurated a few years ago, is a most excellent one, and cannot be too highly commended by your honorable body. It is a pleasure here to note that our Boards of Home Missions and Church Extension have worked in perfect harmony and consulted each other on all matters of importance. Each Board has a standing committee of three, of which the General Secretary is ex-officio a member, who meet whenever occasion requires, and discuss questions of mutual interest. Thus the action of one becomes the action of the other.
- 2. Our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and our Board, who co-operate in the work on the Golden Coast, have also had pleasant rela-

tions. As referred to in our last report, in all appropriations now made by them, the mortgages are made in the name of this Board, and are held in trust for the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. No action is taken by them without free consultation with us, and we likewise make no appropriations to woman's missions without first conferring with them as to the needs and claims of the field. They have been of great help to us in our work.

3. We would also express our gratitude to the church papers which have followed the advice of former General Synods, and have not allowed promiscuous and unauthorized appeals to be put into their columns. Thus our work has been systematically pushed and most excellent results accomplished.

OUR OUTLOOK AND OUR NEEDS.

We need but say a word here. Never in the history of our church has the outlook been brighter, the need greater for more consecration and devotion to the Master's work. God has given our Church a rich field to cultivate, and many talents with which to win souls for Him. It is simply a matter of time, when, we confidently believe, our own Church shall have the largest communicant membership of any denomination in this country. But to do this we must cultivate our own field here in America. No agency can be of greater service to do this than our own Board of Church Extension. If we harmonize our interests, enlarge our plans, multiply our agencies, and reconsecrate our money, our efforts can not but prove a grand and lasting success. God has laid upon us great responsibilities, but he has likewise given us strength and ability and opportunity to meet them. To this end let every Synod strive by every possible means to raise at least its apportionment, let our men and women of wealth give largely, and remember this work in their wills, and let every one, man, woman and child, do their utmost to speed the day when we shall be able to see, as a Western orator has said, "a school in every vale, and a church upon every hill-top."

We now lay down again the work committed to us two years ago. Your Board has given much of its time, thought and labor to the upbuilding and carrying forward of this important interest. We have not been free from mistakes, but we can conscientiously say we have done the best we could. The Church has stood by us nobly. We thank you for your prayers, your sympathy, your co-operation, your generous gifts; without these we could not now make so handsome a report. But this is not the time to congratulate, much less to complain or murmur about mistakes and lost opportunities of the past. Our grandest and best opportunities are before us NOW. Let us go up to possess the land, for we be well able. May the spirit of the apostle Paul, and that of our blessed Master ever fill our hearts, and may we devise wise things for the upbuilding of His kingdom.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

- 1. That we express our devout thanks to our heavenly Father for His rich blessings upon the work of Church Extension.
 - 2. That we commend anew this important agency of our Church to all our

people, to their attention, consideration and liberality, and lay this work before our people of means, so that by large gifts they may assist us to carry it on, on a grander and vaster scale.

- 3. That public appeals for money to build churches be made only through the Board, and no such appeals be made in our Church papers without the sanction of the Board, and that the editors refer the applicants to this action.
- 4. That the General Synod apportion among the District Synods the sum of \$35,000 annually for Church Extension, beginning with April 1st, 1894.
- 5. That the General Synod heartily approve of the *Lutheran Missionary Journal* as a most desirable agency in diffusing missionary intelligence, and commend it to all our pastors for introduction into the homes of their congregations.
- 6. That the General Synod likewise heartily approve of the new publication of our Church, the *Children's Missionary*, published by our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and commend it to our Sunday-schools and Missionary Societies and all our people as a means for educating the young in missionary work.
- 7. That the General Synod recommend to our pastors, to preach at least once a year to their congregations on the work of Church Extension, and ask them to make clear and definite the exact work of this important agency.
- 8. That the present plan of the Board in distributing missionary and Church Extension literature to our congregations, and at Synods and Conferences be approved, and that our pastors be asked to aid the Board in putting this literature into the hands of every member of our Church.
- 9. That we again commend the great and growing interest, Church Extension, to our heavenly Father, asking for his divine guidance and blessing for the coming years.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

H. H. WEBER, General Secretary.

TREASURER' REPORT.

JERE CARL, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Extension:
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April I.	To balance as	per last report to General Synod:		
•	Loan Fun	d	\$16230	14
	Donation	Fund	1928	94
	To amount fro	om Synods for Loan Fund	44221	32
44	44	" Donation Fund	10754	19
44	"	W. H. and F. M. Society	8255	09
66	66	Bequests	1560	15
44	44	Returned loans	19059	51
46	64	Interest	125	
66	66	Lutheran Missionary Journal	100	00
66	46	Lutheran Publication Society	2000	00
66	44	Other sources	2880	99
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April 1.	By amount paid to the following churches as loans:	
44	First Lutheran church, Sacramento, California	\$4000 00
66	St. Paul's, Garnett, Kansas.	600 CO
	Children's Memorial, Kansus City, Mo	3000 00
"	Immanuel Lutheran church, Columbus, Ohio	3000 00
"	Trinity, Chambersburg, Pa	3000 00
	Ev. Lutheran, Point of Rocks, Md	300 00
"	St. Paul's, Cincinnati, Chio	2000 00
"	St. Paul's, Valley Falls, Kansas.	200 00
	St. Trinitatis, Jersey City, N. J.	1000 00
"	Ev. Luth., Council Bluffs, Iowa	2000 00
"	Immanuel, Columbus, Ohio	1250 00
"	First Lutheran, Wichita, Kansas	2000 00
"	Trinity, Coatesville, Pa.	2000 00
"	First Lutheran, Linia, Ohio.	2500 00
**	Keller Memorial, Washington, D. C.	2500 00
44	All Saints, Philadelphia, Pa	2000 00
"	Ev. Lutheran, Leavenworth, Kan.	1000 00
44	Woman's Columbian, Oakland, Cal	4000 00
"	St. Mark's, Allegheny City, Pa.	2500 00
"	St. Mark's, Conshohocken, Pa.	2800 00
"	St. Mark's, Hagerstown, Md	2000 00
"	First Lutheran, Bellevue, Ky.	1500 00
44	Second Lutheran, Findlay, O	1500 00
66	Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh, Pa	1000 00
66	Second, Indianapolis, Ind	2000 00
46	First, New Kensington, Pa	500 00
44	St. Luke's, Amsterdam, N. Y	2000 00
"	Christ, Bridgeton, N. J	2000 CO
"	St. Paul's, Garnett, Kan.	200 00
"	Church of the Reformation, Baltimore, Md	
44	St. John's, Weyert's, Neb	1500 00 200 00
"	Grace, Wadsworth, O	1000 00
66	Christ, Fort Wayne, Ind.	2500 00
64	Grace, Lincoln, Neb.	4000 00
66	St. James, Gloversville, N. Y	200 00
"	Hebron, Avonmore, Pa	200 00
44	Second, Dayton, O	2000 00
66	Memorial, Goshen, Ind.	400 00
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April I.	By amount to the following, as donations, from	
•	the Loan Fund:	
44	St. Paul's, Gordon, Pa	
46	First, Kearney, Neb 250 00	
+6	St. Mark's, Lincoln, Neb 3223 09	
4	First, Sacramento, Cal 2876 40	
66	Grace, Louisville, Ky 240 00	
66	Trinity, McCook, Neb 231 00	
"	Bethany, Philadelphia, Pa 250 00	
66	St. Mark's, Hagerstown, Md 50 00	
44	St. James, Gloversville, N. Y 7 16	
66	First, Sacramento, Cal. (special) 123 60	
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April 1.	Nazareth, Chicago, Ill \$			
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	First, San Diego, Cal	180 00		
44	Bethany, Philadelphia, Pa. (special)	67 85		
	St. Luke's, Williamsport, Pa	115 00	e 60	
"	By amount paid out of the Donation Fund		\$7769	10
66	proper to the following:			
"	Ev. Lutheran, Loudonville, O	500 00		
14	St. Paul's, Garnett, Kan	324 75		
46	St. Mark's, Allegheny City, Pa	200 00		
46	Church of the Redeemer, Lansingburgh, N.Y.	92 00		
46	St. Trinitatis, Jersey City, N. J	763 58		
"	Nazareth, Chicago, Ill	167 00		
46	Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo	35 ∞		
46	St. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.	200 00		
	Trinity, Beatrice, Neb.	500 00		
46	German Lutheran, Herkimer, New York	15 00		
66	Second Lutheran, Indianapolis, Ind	250 0 0		
64	St. Paul's, Wenksville, Pa	150 00		
66	Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa	300 00		
46	Christ, Bridgeton, N. J	300 00		
6.	First, Leavenworth, Kan	190 10		
••	St. Paul's, Cincinnati, O 1	039 00		
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64	First, Belen, New Mexico	500 00		
44	Memorial, Kansas City, Mo	25 00		
44	Bethel, Chicago, Ill	100 00		
44	St. Mark's, Conshohocken, Pa	200 00		
46	Hebron, near Waterville, Kan	100 00		
44	Church of the Redeemer, Williamsport, Pa.	150 00		
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66	St. Mark's, Hagerstown, Md	550 00		
66	Evangelical Lutheran, Princeton, Ill	50 00		
66	Brushton Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa	200 00		
44	St. Luke's, Amsterdam, N. Y	197 85		
44	Columbian, Oakland, Cal	5 00		
44	Rev. C. Huber, Omaha, Neb	5 00		
46	First, Lima, O	250 00		
66	First, Leavenworth, Kan. (special)	35 œ		
66	St. James, Gloversville, N. Y	30 00		
			\$8294	20
44	By amount paid for special objects called for by the Board:		2029 4	39
44	St. John's, Wellington, Kan \$	430 78		
"	Young People's Memorial, San Diego, Cal.	873 67		
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April 1.	By amount paid recording deeds		28	
**	" rent of halls		482	
"	" taxes and interest		1338	45
66	" " printing, stationery, circulars,		_	_
	services, maps, etc		1565	48
64	" office expenses, rents, postage	e, legal	_	
"	papers, etc " lots and church plans		892 67	•

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			25 months	633 54
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			Assets.	
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	•		s on the following property:	
			h, Columbus, Texas	\$100 00
First	44	44	Knoxville, Iowa	110 00
First	44	44	Butler, Ind	500 00
First	• 6	• 6	Monroeville, Ind	500 00
Evangelical	44	66	Danville Pa	3980 8 6
St. Mark's	"	66	St. Louis, Mo	1091 17
First	4-	66	Grafton, W. Va	350 00
St. John's	66	66	Hudson, N. Y.	1725 00
Evangelical	66	**	Bunker Hill, Kan	400 00
Trinity	"	"	Hays City, Kan	500 00
Trinity	66	66	Greenleaf, Kan	300 00
English	44	44	Shenandoah, Pa	1200 00
English	46	44	Beatrice, Neb	2000 00
Mt. Pisgah	• 44	44	Indianapolis, Ind	4500 00
St. Paul's	66	"	Minneapolis, Kan	207 95
St. Luke's	44	"	Logansport, Ind	2000 00
St. Paul's	44	46	Denver, Col	5000 00
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First Ev.	66	"	Los Angeles, Cal	3500	
First Ev.	66	44	Ellsworth, Kan	400	00
Trinity	44	"	Van Buren, Ind	300	
Scandinavia		"	Norway, Kan	200	00
Trinity	66	44	Bloomington, Neb	700	
St. Mark's		46	Norcatur, Kan	300	
St. Matthew		"	Oswego, N. Y	1000	
St. Paul's	"	44	Manchester, Kan	300	
St. John's	66 64	"	Wellington, Kan	500	
First	"		Franklin, Neb	400	
Evangelical	66	"	Altoona, Pa	300	
Evangelical	"	"	Braddock, Pa,	1500	
German	"	"	Medford, Wis	400	
First	"	"	Sharpsburg, Pa	500	
First	"	"	Washington county, Col		00
Trinity	••		David City, Neb	400	
Evangelical	4	"	Aspen, Col	300	
Bethany	66	"	Pittsburgh, Pa.	666	•
Memorial	- 66	16	Chapman, Kans	300	00
St. Matthew		"	York, Pa	1000	
First	66	"	Wilber, Neb	300	00
Evangelical	66	"	Hutchinson, Kan	1000	∞
Evangelical	66	44	Sharpsville, Ind	200	∞
English	44	44	Newark, O	1000	∞
English	44	"	Montgomery Station, Pa	1000	00
Scandinaviai		"	Gypsum, Col	300	00
St. James	46	"	Gloversville, N. Y	1 200	00
Trinity	44	"	Cheyenne, Wyoming	144	52
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Evangelical	44	66	Muncie, Ind	1000	00
St. Matthew	's "	"	Allentown, Pa	3000	00
St. Paul's	46	"	Laramie, Wyo	500	00
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Lutheran			Buffalo, N. Y	500	00
Church of th	e Redeem	er,	Lansingburgh, N. Y	750	
Bethel			Chicago, Ill.	500	
First	44	"	San Diego, Cal	2000	
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St. Mark's	44	44	Washington, D. C	2500	
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St. Mark's, Conshohocken, Pa	2800	
St. Mark's, Hagerstown, Md	2000	00
Lawrenceville, Pittsburgh, Pa	1000	00
Woman's Memorial, Oakland, Cal	4000	
Trinity, Findlay, Ohio	1500	
Second, Indianapolis, Ind	2000	
First, New Kensington, Pa	500	
St. Luke's, Amsterdam, N. Y	2000	
Second English, Richmond, Ind.	2000	
Church of the Reformation, Baltimore, Md	1000	
St. John's, Weyert's, Neb	1500 200	
Grace, Wadsworth, Ohio	1000	
Hebron, Avonmore, Pa	200	
Second, Dayton, Ohio	2000	
Memorial, Goshen, Ind.	400	
First, Bellevue, Ky	1500	
Christ, Fort Wayne, Ind	2500	
Grace, Lincoln, Neb	4000	
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Cash balance as per report:	•
Loan Fund Donation Fund	
	\$235881 20
Less liabilities	12500 00
Total net assets	\$223381 20
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Real estate held by Board in trust for	or congregations:
Church building and lot, Lewisberr	v. Pa. (estimated
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English	Lutherar	church.	Montgomery, Pa	\$250 00
Evangelical		"	Glenwood Springs, Col	200 00
St. Paul's, (46	Medford, Wis	50 00
Ch rist	44	66	Harrisburg, Pa	300 00
St. Mark's	66	+4	Washington, D. C	443 00
St. Paul's	46	66	Loudonville, O	500 00
St. Thomas	66	44	Chicago, Ills	400 00
St. Paul's	44	66	Garnett, Kans	300 00
St. Mark's	66	44	Allegheny City, Pa	200 00
Immanuel	46	44	Columbus, O	100 00
Second	46	64	Indianapolis, Ind	250 00
St. Paul's	44	66	Wenksville, Pa	150 00
Memorial	44	44	Harrisburg, Pa	300 00
Christ	44	66	Bridgeton, N. J.	200 00
Bethel	44	٤.	Chicago, Ills	100 00
St. Mark's	"	"	Conshohocken, Pa	200 00
Hebron	"	**	near Waterville, Kan	100 00
Church of th	ne Redeem	er.	Williamsport, Pa	150 00
Brushton A	ve. Luth.	Church	Wilkinsburg, Pa	200 00
First	"	**	Lima, O	250 00
Nazareth	"	6.	Chicago, Ills	150 00
Trinity	66	"	Beatrice, Neb	500 00
			Grand Total	\$31301 60

Respectfully submitted,

JERE CARL, Treasurer.

YORK, PA., April 1st, 1893.

WESTERN SECRETARY'S WORK.

Lots Secured, or Assisted in Taking the first steps in securing, during the last biennium.

No	of	Estimated	•
Lot	s.	value.	
2	Taylor, Neb	\$200 00	
4	Schuyler, Neb,	1000 00	
I	Hemingford, Neb	400 00	
2	Kimball, Neb	400 00	
I	Pender, Neb	200 00	
1	Gering, Neb	200 00	
2	Harrisburg, Neb	250 00	
2	Chappell, Neb	150 00	
1	Paxton or Potter, Neb.	100 00	
2	Lexington, Neb	500 00	Money subscribed and lot selected
1	Davenport, Neb	300 00	•
10	Clinton, Iowa	2000 00	
2	Council Bluffs, Iowa	4200 00	
2	Wichita, Kan	1500 00	
2	Leavenworth, Kan	2000 00	
2	Sabetha, Kan	1000 00	
2	Pine Bluffs, Wyo	140 00	
2	Napoleon, O	500 00	
2	Quincy, Ill	2500 00	
	Total	\$17540 00	

Number of Lots with Buildings, their Valuation according to Synodical Minutes, and the Help Rendered by the Western Secretary in Securing the Same.

No. Place.	Esti mated Value.	Nature of some of the aid rendered.
2 Hutchison, Kan	\$4000	Raised money for lots and started the building fund.
2 Wellington, Kan	3000	Raised money for lots and helped in building.
3 Perth, Kan	2000	Secured lots and helped in building.
2 Ellsworth, Kan	2500	Secured lots and helped in building.
2 Kanopolis, Kan	1200	Helped to start the work.
2 Manchester, Kan	2500	Secured lots and started subscriptions for edifice.
2 Garnett, Kan	3600	Preached first here, secured lots and started building.
I Washington, Kan	925	First to visit and to secure subscriptions here.
2 Hebron, Kan	2500	Helped to start the building and secure the site.
1 Wichita, Kan	2000	With Rev. Lowe secured subscriptions for lots, etc.
2 Long Island, Kan	1000	Sent first members here from Grand Island, Neb.
3 Chapman, Kan	2500	Helped to secure first funds for lots and edifice.
1 Elmo, Kan	100	Started subscriptions and secure this amount.
1 Leavenworth, Kan	2000	Many visits and started subscriptions.
2 Sabetha, Kan	1000	Started the effort to buy lots.
1 David City, Neb	4000	Raised subscription to build and re- newed lot contract.
1 Pawnee, Neb	2000 <	Bought lot and building of U. Presby. and repaired it.
3 Surprise, Neb	2000	Started preaching and building.
3 Benedict, Neb	3000	Started the building subscription.
2 Central City, Neb	1000	Bought M. E. church and repaired it.
4 Schuyler, Neb	3500	Started and raised lot and building fund.
2 Pender (country), Neb.	1400	Started the building subscription.
3 Bloomington, Neb	1500	Secured the first lots.
2 Stamford, Neb	1 200 <	Visited Germans and started a build- ing movement.
6 Franklin, Neb	2000	With Rev. Kimmel secured lots.
1 Dannebrog, Neb	1000	With Rev. Andreasen started this building.
I Gordon, Neb	800 <	First visited Danes here and raised building money.
2 Sioux City, Ia	\$23000	Started the subscription and bought the lots.
2 Council Bluffs, Ia	7000	Selected lots and helped to start the subscription list.

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I Leadville, Col	\$4000	Selected lot and started the church and paid the debts.
2 Gypsum, Col	1500	Secured lots and built church and paid the debts.
1 Aspen, Col	2200	Secured lots and built church and paid the debts
I Glenwood, Col	1200	Secured lots and built church and par- sonage.
2 Denver, Col. (Scan.)	25000	Assisted in starting this work and pay- ing its debts.
3 Laramie (Scan.)	5000	Started this work through Rev. Andreasen.
2 Laramie (Ger.)	4200	Helped to buy lots and raise the money for church.
I Cheyenne	2000	Built the church and raised the money.
5 Albuquerque, N. M	8000	Built the church and raised the money. Bought lots and raised money for church.
1 Belen, N. M	800	Bought Congregational church.
10 Clinton, Ia	4000	Bought ground and raised money for ground, church and parsonage.
2 Potter, Neb	1000	Secured lots and started subscription for building.
2 Starkville, Col	1000	Assisted in starting and completing. Went to Aug. Synod.
2 Napoleon, O	500	Lot secured by a plan started with present pastor.
1 Lexington, Neb	1100	Sargained for lot and started subscription for building.
3 Rapid City, S. Dak	2000	Bought lots and built a church. Lost to General Synod.
2 South Sioux City, Neb.	1000	Bought lots and built a church. Lost to General Synod. Assisted in securing the lots and in building.
102	\$148725	
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Total..... \$208,875 since in the West.

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H	dst of Lo	ts Owned	ρĄ	the Boar	e E	f	List of Lots Owned by the Board of Church Extension, with Locations and Descriptions.*	Locations and D	escriptions.*
Place.	County.	State.	Number of Lots.	Number of Lots.	Corner Lot	County Seat	Location and Description.	From Whom.	Remarks.
Brighton Baltimore.	Baltimore.	Maryland.	٩	Sox 100 ft.		å	Yes No Central and on best street	Brighton Land and Im-	Brighton Land and Im-Much of the land here owned
Sparrow's Point.	: -		. 4	25x100 ft.	=	;	" On Broadway—best and choice. Pennsylvania Steel Co.		Soon ready for organization of
Harrisburg Dauphin.	Dauphin.	Pennsylvania.		soxso ft.	:	Yes	Yes Eastern part of city.	Mr. J. A. Dunkle, of	Mr. J. A. Dunkle, of A mission Sunday-school in the
Steelton	:	:	"	SOXIIS ft.	:	°	No.	Mr. J. A. Dunkle, of	neakinotinotinotinow.
Central City Anderson.	Anderson.	Kansas.	*	Sox 150 ft.	:	:	Choice sites.	Steelton, Fa. Peter F. Engleman and	Steetion, Fa. Peter F. Engleman and
Yuma Yuma.	Yuma.	Colorado.		25x100 ft.	:	X	Lots 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Block 1,	wne. Yuma Improvement Co.	Yes Lots 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Block 1, Yuma Improvement Co. Some wealthy Lutherans live
Akron	Washington. El Paso.	:: , ·	20 0	25x100 ft. 1 ". 50x150 ft. "	::	÷ g	" Nearly a whole block. No Lots 1 and 2, Block 255.	Akron Townsite Co. Anthony Botts, Esq,	A few Lutherans in the town. Luther chapel is built on these
Woodland Park.	:	:	a	:	:	:		Through Rev. A. R.	1015.
Manitou	;	:		:	:	:		Through Rev. A. R. Howbert, D. D.	` €
Omaha Douglas.	Douglas.	Nebraska.	H 6	Sox 100 ft.	::	2	Yes Block 1, Leisenring Addition. Dr. P. S. Leisenring.	Dr. P. S. Leisenring. Shull heirs.	does not suit us. Given without conditions. The Southwest Church stands
OrdValley.	Valley.	:	÷		:	9	Addition. Lot 4, Block 18, Haskell's Ad- S. S. Haskell and wife.	S. S. Haskell and wife.	on them. Rich soil here.
St. Paul Howard. Gothenburg Dawson.	Howard. Dawson.	::	H 6	66x132 ft ". sox150 ft "		: Z	Lot 12, Block 94. No Good site and good location.	N. Paul, Esq. Dr. W. P. Smith.	Some Scandinavians live here.
• Notes:-	2. Some of t 3. We cont 4. Many lot	NOTES:—r. This is only a partial list of our lots. 2. Some of these are gifts, from the part. 3. We contemplated giving only a supe. 4. Many lots secured in former years h	of of of only only	ur lots. the parties na a superficial years have be	desc desc en de	but i riptio	 This is only a partial list of our lots. Some of these are gifts, from the parties named, but in most cases the Board has paid for them, often however only a nominal price. We contemplated giving only a superficial description of these lots. Further data are in the possession of the Board. Many lots secured in former years have been deeded to the congregations, who built on them. 	for them, often however of in the possession of the on them.	nly a nominal price. Board.

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Place.	County.	State.	Number of Lots.	Size of Each.	Corner Lot	County Seat	Location and Description.	From Whom.	Remarks.
Lodge Pole Cheyenne.	Cheyenne.	Nebraska.	-	SSX140 ft.	Ϋ́ς.	ŝ	Yes No Lots S, and 6, Block A, I	A, Prof. L. F. M. Easterday A German settlement.	A German settlement.
East Republic Republic.	Republic.	Kansas.	a	SOX120 ft.	;	X	Lot 1, Block 5, faces Lot 10, (to, C. F. Neerman and wife.	
Hollenberg.	Washington.	Z. Z. Z.	0	Sox 150 ft.	::	S.		W. Kalbæfer and wife.	A German settlement.
Sterling La Crosse		Colorado. Kansas.		47 X x 162 ft.	: :	S S	No Lots 1 and 2, Block 13. Ves Lot 1 and 3, Block 13.		A Mr. Lebold has promised par-
Ness City Ness.	Ness.	•	4		:	:	Let 1, Block 2, Brown's Addi- J. W. Brown and wife.	J. W. Brown and wife.	sonage lots in his addition. Large enough for church and
Wallace	Wallace.	a	_ N	25x140 ft.	:	:	tion. Lots 15, to 25, Block 3, Clark's H. O. Clark and wife.	H. O. Clark and wife.	parsonage.
Wakeency.	Trego.	:	w	3	:		Lots II, 12, 13, Block 9. Best]	Best D. H. Henkel and wife.	
Cambridge	Furnas.	Nebraska.	. "	61	:	å	church lots in the town. No Lots 7 and 8, Block 4, Failing's		
Alma Harlan. Indianola Red Willow	Harlan. Red Willow.	::	_ n n		::	, S	Addition. S. T. Westbrook. A. R. R. centre. S. T. Westbrook. A. R. R. centre. Goodrich, Jr., and Two Gernan Luth. churches in	S. T. Westbrook. J. H. Goodrich, Jr., and	A R. R. centre. Two German Luth. churches in
Republican City. Harlan. Holdredge Phelps.	Harlan. Phelps.	::	_ H H		::	°Z ×	No 1/4 Lots 1 and 2, Block 9. Yes Well located.	wife. B. D. Mills and wife. Rev. J. W. Kimmel and	wife. Wills and wife. W. Kimmel and Large Swedish church here.
Minden	Kearney. Phillips.	" Kansas.	. w w	3 132X130 ft.	::	::	Best in town. Lots 7 and 8, Block 7.	wife. J. H. Jansen and wife. Mr. and Mrs. E. F.	German church here.
Concordia Cloud.	Cloud.	;		-	:	:	One square from Court House.	Korns. F. L. Coran and wife.	Swedish and German settle-
Caldwell Greensburg	Sumner. Kiowa. Holt.	", Nebraska.	9 00 9	2 25x150 ft.	:::	ςς.	No Cor. Broadway & Douglas Ave. E. B. Wingate and wife.		ment. Bohemian Lutheran settlement. A few Germans and Scandi-

List of Lots—Continued.

Remarks.	No Lutheran church of any	kind in town. Icelanders settled bere.	Central and valuable.		Church built,	Church and parsonage built.	U. P. R. R. Division town.	Point supplied with preaching. R. R. centre of Territory.	Board has recently bought an	other property here. Best city in the Black Hills, A city with a bright future; the	Efforts are being made now to	and R. R. centre.	Chapel built.	Promises to be a large town.		Worth now \$3500.
From Whom.	l		Board.		Bought by the Board.	Mr. Samon	Mr. Clarke.	Bought by the Board.	:	2 2	Gift to the Board.			G. A. A. Dean and wife.	Gift to the Board.	Thos. Etherington and Worth now \$2500. wife. Bought by Board for \$1500.
Location and Description.	1 No Yes Lot 3, Block 25. Faces Court Pioneer Townsite Co.	" Centrally located. No Lot 7, Block 11, Ingersoll's Ad- Mr. Ingersoll.	Ves Lots large, no R. R. bere. No Lots and 2, Block 139.	ock 14. Central.	Very desirable.	High and good.	Central.	Good, but may get better. Choice—parsonage built.	No Very good.	No Yes Central. Lot 5, Block 9, Steig-	Lie ga in Motz & Grethen's Ad- Gift to the Board.	No Lot 7, Block 22, 1st Addition. Chas. W. Howes	Yes Lot 10 to 12, and No. 29, Block Gift.	1, Skalon's Addition. No. 16, Block 14, Lincoln Cen-G. A. A. Dean and wife. Promises to be a large town. Nre: No. 17, Block 2, Valley!	Park Addition. Lots 15 and 16, Block 53.	Ves Yes Lot to, Block 12, Plat A.
County Seat	8	÷ g	ž°:	۲. د	 : :	: ;	2:	8 :	å	, 8	:		Yes	:	:	8
Corner Lot.	ž	۲ <u>۲</u> :	:::	::	: 2	3 }	ğ :	: :	:	; g	:	7	=	3	_ :	2
Size of carch.		2	- 9 9 9	200	2					- R H		IVes	5	2 55x120 ft.		r Yes
State.	Nebraska.			Kansas. Colorado.	::	::		New Mexico	:	S'th Dakota. 2 No	Indiana.	Colorado.	Kansas.	:	Nebraska.	Utah.
County.		Cherry. Brown.	Keya Paha. Saline.		Lake. Pirkin	Garfield.	Elbert.	Santa re. Bernaeillo.	Valencia.	Lawrence. Hughes.	Howard.	Sedgwick.	Chautauqua.	Lincoln.		Weber.
Place.	Chadron Dawes.	Valentine Cherry Long Pine Brown.	Springview	Syracuse Las Animas	Leadville	Glenw'd Springs Garfield	Hugo	Albuquerque Bernaeillo.	Belen Valencia.	Sturgis Lawrence.	Kokomo Howard.	Denver Junction Sedgwick.	Or Jucspurg Chautauqua. Kansas.	Lincoln Lincoln.	Forest City	Ogden Weber.

Recommendations Approved.

The several recommendations of the Board were duly considered by the Synod, and on motion approved and the report adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer's report was put into the hands of a committee for auditing. The President also appointed a committee to nominate a Board of Church Extension. These committees reported as follows:

Auditors' Report.

Your committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's report of the Board of Church Extension respectfully report that they have examined the books and compared the vouchers, and find the same correct, showing a balance of \$10,636.70 in hands of the Treasurer.

The committee would recommend that the thanks of the General Synod be extended to Bro. Jere Carl for his faithful services rendered as the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension.

JOHN C. PARKER,

U. J. MARTZ, O. L. SIGAFOOS.

Board Nominated.

Your Committee to nominate Board of Church Extension would respectfully recommend the appointment of the following brethren to constitute the Board of Church Extension:

Rev. W. S. Freas, D. D.

Rev. B. F. Alleman, D. D. Rev. W. S. Hinman.

Rev. H. B. Wile.

Mr. M. B. Spahr.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jere Carl.

Mr. Arthur King. Mr. J. A. Dempwolf.

Mr. Geo. P. Smyser.

JACOB A. CLUTZ,

F. KLINEFELTER,

S. P. FRYBERGER, CHARLES GEESEY,

A. J. KISSELL,

W. T. PLATT,

HENRY HEITMANN,

G. W. FORTNEY.

The Board Instructed.

For action taken instructing the Board on division of the receipts for Church Extension between the loan and donation funds and the collection of loans, see page 76 in report of Committee on the overture of the Nebraska Synod.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Church Extension be, and hereby are instructed to take into consideration the establishment of a PARSONAGE FUND to be used in assisting new and weak charges, and especially Mission charges, in the erection of parsonages, the means for the same to be secured from special contributions and legacies for that purpose.

Resolved, That in case this plan commends itself to said Board they be, and hereby are, authorized to have their charter amended, if necessary, in accordance therewith, and also to make and establish such rules and regulations for the administration of such a Fund as they may deem requisite.

Church Extension Services.

At the close of Church Extension day, Trinity church was well filled with the congregation gathered to celebrate the achievements of the past two years. An attractive programme had been provided by the Board, and the special music prepared for this occasion by a member of the Board added to the interest. The President of the Board took charge of the exercises, assisted by Revs. M. W. Hamma, D. D., H. K. Fenner, D. D., and M. Rhodes, D. D. The addresses of the evening were delivered by Rev. J. M. Cromer, of Kansas City, Mo., Rev. T. C. Billheimer, D. D., of Reading, and Rev. T. T. Everett, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., the first and last speakers serving congregations that had enjoyed the helping hand of this Board in their time of weakness. A special offering for the cause of Church Extension was made, amounting to \$50.50.

After the singing of the special Church Extension hymn, "Go forth! Extend the Church of God," the benediction by the President of the Board closed the exercises of the Twelfth Biennial Service.

PROCEEDINGS

RELATING TO THE

Board of Education.

The report of the Board of Education was rendered on the morning of the seventh day of the Convention, May 31st, and was read by the General Secretary, Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D. D. It here follows:

Fourth Biennial Report of the Board of Education of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America.

MR. PRESIDENT, FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

It is with sincere gratitude to Almighty God that by His kind Providence we are permitted to present to you this the Fourth Biennial Report of the Board of Education.

ORGANIZATION.

Immediately after the appointment of the Board, at a special meeting held in Lebanon, Pa., Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D. D., was elected General Secretary. Deeming it better for the interests of the Board, this brother promptly resigned his membership in the Board, and the vacancy thus made was filled by the officers of the General Synod appointing Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D.

July 28th, 1891, the Board assembled in annual meeting at Omaha, Neb., and organized by electing Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., president, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., vice-president, and Mr. J. H. Lyday, treasurer; Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., ex officio, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D., Executive Committee.

DEATHS.

For the first time in its history death has entered the Board; two of our number have been laid to sleep in Jesus.

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January 16th, 1892, our esteemed co-member and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Lyday, departed this life. Proper notice was taken of this sad event by representative attendance at the funeral and an appropriate communication sent to the family of the deceased. A suitable minute was also placed on record testifying to the faithful service of our departed brother, to the sincere interest constantly manifested in his presence and by his gifts and prayers. Though conscious of loss, our compensation is in the testimony he has left us, and in the abiding promises of God that we shall meet again.

April 30th, 1892, Mr. Augustus Kountze was summoned from his earthly toil to heavenly reward. Regard for our departed brother was noted by a fitting tribute to his memory, forwarded to the bereaved family, and also transcribed on our record. His associations with the Board were of the most pleasing character. Especially interested in the great work of Christian education, his intense earnestness constantly appealed to others to make like efforts for a cause he dearly loved. In his departure we have sustained a great loss, yet we rejoice there is hope in his death and our sorrow shall be turned to joy.

VACANCIES.

The officers of the General Synod appointed Mr. L. G. Kammerer, of St. Louis, Mo., to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Mr. J. H. Lyday. This appointment was accepted, and subsequently Mr. Kammerer was elected Treasurer.

The place made vacant by the death of Mr. Kountze was not filled.

ADMINISTRATION.

It has been the aim of the Board to administer its affairs with as little cost as possible. Owing to the distance separating the members, and consequent expense of coming together, the Board has held but four meetings, as follows: at Omaha, Neb., July 28, 1891; Des Moines, Ia., August 25, 1891; Kansas City, Mo., November 15, 1892; St. Louis, Mo., April 4, 1893.

From June 1st to October 21st, 1891, a period of five months, when there was a special and pressing necessity for visitation, the General Secretary gave his entire time to the work of the Board. Since October 31, 1891, he has not given the work his undivided attention. For part of the time his services were given gratuitously, and for the remainder he received a nominal compensation. By this arrangement there was a material reduction in the expense of management. In other respects also the most rigid economy was practiced, whether wisely or unwisely others must judge, but to us it seemed enforced by the ever-pressing demand for the largest possible appropriation for college aid.

OMAHA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Shortly after the adjournment of the General Synod at Lebanon, the Executive Committee visited Mr. A. Kountze to confer with him concerning the details of the proposition made to and accepted by the General Synod relative to the establishment of a Theological Seminary at Omaha, Neb. (See printed

minutes 35th Convention of the General Synod, pages 154, 155 and 159.) The result of this Conference was a proposition written out in detail, but which on presentation to the Board was found not to agree with the understanding or explanation as given to the General Synod. Pending subsequent negotiations with a view towards a satisfactory adjustment of details, the donor was called to his reward. Since then the Board has been unable to secure any definite information on the matter.

All the papers relating to the Seminary project are on file and in possession of the Board.

OVERTURE FROM SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

In response to an overture presented by the Synod of Nebraska to the Board of Education, asking that theological instruction be given temporarily at Midland College or elsewhere, we beg leave to submit the following:

Resolved, (1), That we fully appreciate the necessity of affording such opportunity to students in our Western Colleges who have the ministry in view.

Resolved, (2,) That it is the sense of this Board that a Theological Seminary be established in the city of Omaha at the earliest practicable moment, even though its beginnings should be humble.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board it was,

Resolved, (3,) That a Theological Seminary be opened in the city of Omaha in the autumn of 1893, and that the professors for the present instruction be chosen from the local clergy and such other brethren as the Board of Education may select.

In accordance with this resolution we are now prepared to make the following announcement:

"The Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America at Omaha, Neb., will be opened for the reception and instruction of students in Kountze Memorial church, Omaha, Neb., the fourth Thursday in October, 1893, provided the chair of Systematic Theology can be suitably filled in due time."

CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

The internal workings of this institution are highly satisfactory. Perfect unanimity prevails. The professors are faithful, competent and enthusiastic teachers. Though over-worked and poorly paid, they toil on patiently, hoping to make Carthage College what she ought to be and what the Church needs. The past record of the College for high grade and thorough work is fully kept up.

The number of students in attendance has been gradually increasing, and especially in the Collegiate Department. It is worthy of notice that the increase the last two years has been from the churches on the territory, and not confined to localities in immediate proximity to the College. The students, as a class, are reported to be industrious, faithful and reliable. Disorder of any

kind is rare. More and better work was done in the year just closed than any time during the present administration. The students realize this, and their interest and loyalty are correspondingly quickened.

Eighteen students have been pursuing their studies with the view of entering the ministry. Several of these have Foreign Missions in mind. The Christian influences around the institution are strong and positive. The Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations exert a helpful influence upon the conduct of all the students and especially upon the religious life of their members. Bible classes are regularly organized under the leadership of one or more of the membership of the Christian Associations.

The place of the Bible in the curriculum is not an elective but a regular study. In the Freshman year an optional course is offered, and in Sophomore a required course of three hours a week. In the Junior and Senior years the "Life of Christ" and "Jewish Commonwealth" are studied, with elective courses in the Acts and Epistles. The text-book is the Bible itself studied inductively.

The daily chapel services are conducted by a member of the Faculty. Most of the students attend these exercises regularly and voluntarily without roll call or supervision of monitors.

The material interests of the College have been much improved by necessary repairs on the buildings. Other improvements are now in contemplation. In the way of appliances, some additions have been made, but not anything comparable with the necessities earnestly desired by the Faculty and needed for service to the students.

The financial condition has improved very materially. One year ago a movement was inaugurated to liquidate the debt of \$9000 hanging over the institution so many years: the work was continued until the full amount was secured by subscription, and by this time the first installment has been paid. For this successful effort great credit is due to the wise planning and skillful management of President Holmes Dysinger, D. D.

It is worthy of mention that the graduates of the institution are interesting themselves in the prosperity of their alma mater, and are aiding her by giving of their means as well as their influence and effort to extend the work. Miss F. M. Dryden, '82, widely known in the Church as one of our missionaries in India, has established a scholarship. An Alumni Endowment Association has been incorporated, the object of which is to endow a chair at an early day. Subscriptions to the amount of several hundred dollars have already been given.

Glancing over the financial exhibit accompanying this report, we see that the total receipts from all sources and for all purposes, from May 15, 1891, to May 15, 1893, are \$20,677.33. Of this amount, endowment paid \$2,674.22, tuition and rents \$7,627.20, and the Board of Education \$1,993. For this same time the total current expenses, including building repairs, were \$16,795.57. In addition to the funded debt provided for by subscription, there is due on salary and open accounts \$2,215.58. The net assets to balance are \$52,398.60, an increase over former report of \$5,101.79.

The College is not limited in territory. A vast field is opening on all sides, but for lack of means it can be only partially entered. The fulfillment of promise for the future is limited only by the small revenue at the command of the authorities for carrying on the work. With increased resources and facilities Carthage College can easily furnish all the mental equipment necessary for the full discharge of all the duties of life, save that technical and special training afforded only by professional schools.

EXHIBIT FOR 1891-1892.

Professors and instructors, 10; lecturers, 2; students in Collegiate Department, 59; students in Academic Department, 126; total attendance, 185.

Financial Statement for Year Ending May 15, 1892.

Receipts.	Amount	Expenditures.	Amount.	
Cash on hand last report. Stock and realty Alumni Association Book accounts Plano Board of Education Collection—Day of Prayer Interest from Endowment Tuition and rent Donations Debt fund in cash Bills payable	54 65: 95 00 333 75 100 50 714 50 1302 00 4253 80 227 50 73 00	Salaries Piano Apparatus and supplies Repairs Advertising and postage Incidentals Janitor service Traveling expenses Interest Bills receivable Book accounts Library S. H. Ferris, treasurer Cash on hand	28 30 374 75 501 11 490 33 161 85 245 80 78 26 975 00 15 50 367 36 36 00 50 00	
	\$7775 44	1	\$7775 4	

EXHIBIT FOR 1892-1893.

Professors and instructors, 8; students in Collegiate Department, 61; students in Academic Department, 124; total attendance, 185.

Financial Statement for Year Ending May 15th, 1893.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditures.	Amount.
Cash per last report Library. Piano Board of Education Bills payable Interest from endowment Donation Day of Prayer collections. Endowment Tuition and rent Debt fund Bills receivable Book accounts	28 55 110 65 1278 50 2200 00 1372 22 6 46 146 58 175 00 3373 40 3941 10	Interest and insurance Library Piano. Janitor services Bills payable Matron services Traveling expenses Repairs. Advertising Apparatus and supplies Incidentals. Attorney fees Book accounts Tutor services. Salaries. Cash on hand	31 54 22 56 269 56 3454 11 186 56 169 51 1419 86 543 74 430 32 242 66 115 06 143 06 1489 2 54
	\$12952 14	I .	\$12952 1

Assets and Liabilities, May 15, 1893.

Assets.	Amount.	Liabilities,	Amount.
Realty Endowment Library Debt pledges and fund Accounts due	\$39780 89 14017 84 3038 95 5131 40 331 10	Bills payable	\$7677 00 2039 37 176 21 52398 60
	\$62300 18	1	\$62300 18

MIDLAND COLLEGE.

We are pleased to report progress in every particular. The number of students is steadily increasing; in 1890 there were 75, in 1891 and 1892 the number was 113, and the present year the enrollment reaches 123.

The finances are in better condition than at any time previous. The salaries are reported paid to May 1st, 1893, and we are happy to announce that, for the time covered by this report, the receipts from all sources have come within \$310 of meeting the running expenses. The indebtedness for maintaining the institution to the present time is \$3,204, of which amount \$1,000 is secured by note of the Board of Education, and \$2,204, principal and interest, in notes given by the Board of Trustees of the College. These notes were all given prior to June, 1891, and constitute almost the total arrearage for operating the College since its founding, less than six years ago. It must also be noted that where, in September, 1887, the General Synod had not a dollar's worth of property, there is now reported to you net assets to balance \$70,588.08.

The accompanying financial statement shows a total gain of \$5,196.93 over the statement given to the Lebanon Convention. Of the amount expended for current expenses the Board of Education furnished \$8,015, the College itself, in rents, tuition and endowment, produced \$9,851.75. This is \$5,560.45 in excess of the previous biennium. This comparison of figures is in every way gratifying, and witnesses to a marked increase in the possibilities of the institution, and demonstrates that in due time this work can become self-sustaining, provided the patronage and support of the entire territory justly claimed as tributary be given to the College.

The necessity for increased accommodations compelled the erection of another building for the exclusive use of the young ladies, at a cost of \$6,556.11. At the time considered a great venture, the successful result has fully justified the undertaking. Although \$1,438.78 remains to be provided for, it is yet a matter of profound gratitude that so much as \$4,982.33 in cash has already been given in response to the untiring effort and appeal of the indefatigable President, Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D. Besides adding to our property, it increases the efficiency and adds to the attractiveness of Midland for the daughters of our Church.

Ground was recently broken for a gymnasium building, 65 feet by 43 feet, at a cost approximating \$1,600. This building is much needed, and by none is the need felt more keenly than by the students themselves. Their interest

and enthusiasm are manifest by the fact that this is largely their own enterprise, both in the inception and the provision. They propose to raise the necessary funds, and thus far have secured by subscription and in cash almost three-fourths of the required amount.

And still another building is an imperative necessity. The present main building will soon be demanded for a dormitory exclusively, hence the need of a hall for recitation, society, museum and library purposes. Here is presented an opportunity for some liberal-handed, large-hearted steward of the Lord to erect at once an enduring monument of his zeal for Christian education and love for the Great Teacher.

The religious status is befitting a Christian College. The Bible as textbook has honored place in the curriculum of study. The Young Men's Christian Association is a vigorous organization. Chapel exercises are well attended and the College prayer-meeting valued as a means of grace. There are also volunteer classes for Bible study among the young men, and a Mission Band meeting monthly, and weekly prayer service conducted by the young ladies themselves.

Twelve young men are students for the ministry, two of whom are already receiving some theological instruction in connection with their other studies. From the last year's graduating class four have been pursuing the regular course in a Theological Seminary, and of former students one is now an ordained pastor. Thus within the comparatively short time of her existence Midland is fulfilling the promise made at the beginning, namely, a qualified ministry and an educated laity.

This report must not omit the honorable mention of professors and instructors who deserve the thanks of the Church for fidelity and devotion in spite of the many difficulties encountered. But thanks merely are insubstantial, if moral and material support be wanting. For the work they have done and for all they may do for the Church in Christ's name they merit and should receive the largest measure of support, and this is for the Church to give her children by the scores and her money by the thousands.

EXHIBIT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE, 1891-1892.

Professors and instructors, 10; students in Collegiate Department, 50; students in Academic Department, 63; total enrollment, 113.

Financial Statement, June 6th, 1891, to June 6th, 1892.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditures.	Amount.
Balance on hand, June 6th, 1891. Tuition and other college dues. Contingent fund collections Special donations Interest on endowments Board of Education. Sale of lots to professors On Kansas Synod endowment On Nebraska Synod endowment.	3130 59 95 95 378 95 1626 25 3021 00 387 60 110 00	Salaries of professors and teachers. Janitor services Fuel. Furnishing and repairs Frinting and advertising Contingent expenses Interest on coal warrants Rent of piano Transferred to endowment funds. Balance, June 6th, 1892.	\$6675 00 240 00 592 00 315 80 189 00 394 37 31 42 30 00 522 60 186 92
	\$9278 ot	<u>i</u>	\$9278 02

MIDLAND COLLEGE EXHIBIT, 1892-1893.

Professors and instructors, 11; students in Collegiate Department, 50; students in Academic Department, 73; total enrollment, 123.

Financial Statement, June 6th, 1892, to May 15th, 1893.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditures.	Amount.
Balance, June 6th, 1892	3802 51 1292 40 35 00 54 29	Salaries Janitor Financial agent Fuel Fuel Functing and advertising Rent of piano On pianos purchased for Musical Department Interest on notes given professors Interest on hand, May 15th, 1803.	67 85 485 54 116 60 16 00 223 00 152 00
	\$10265 12		\$10265 12

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

Building of Ladies' Hall, Midland College, to May 15th, 1893.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditures.	Amount.
Collections on building fund Interest on deposit	23 27 491 00	Construction of building and out-buildings	\$5325 87 455 50 504 33 96 55 98 86 450 00
	\$7017 33		\$7017 33

RECAPITULATION.

Cost of building completed			\$5971 78 584 33 \$4926 11 56 22 135 00	\$6556 11	
Indebtedness still unprovided for Assets and		es, May 15th, 1893.	1438 78	\$6556 xx	
Assets.	Amount.			Amount.	
College campus (estimated) Building lots (estimated) College building (estimated) Library, furniture and apparatus Endowment invested Endowment, cash Endowment notes Book accounts (good) Ladies' Hall Cash in Ladies' Hall building fund Subscriptions for building fund Balance cash in hand	2500 00 28000 00 3000 00 23084 10 20 00 820 00 584 50 6580 00 56 22	Notes given professors, Jun Due President on salary t 1, '93 Unpaid orders, (coal) Other claims (estimated) Borrowed to complete Ladie Net assets to balance	o May	\$1900 00 150 00 402 66 283 01 1550 00 70888 08	

FINANCES.

\$75173 75

Of the \$19,557.00 apportioned to the District Synods for the biennium, \$11,866.66 have been received, leaving a deficit of \$7,680.34. The Synods of Iowa and California paid in excess of their apportionment. The other Synods are in arrears aggregating \$7,466.34. Of this number, four paid nothing.

The receipts have been from the following sources: (1) From the Lutheran Publication Society, we gratefully acknowledge the timely and generous donation of \$1,200. (2) From Treasurers of Synods, \$11,866.66. (3) From individuals not credited to Synods, \$219.50. Total from all sources, \$13,286.16.

This shows an increase of \$3,145.75, over the receipts of the previous two years. An encouraging feature of the receipts is the increased amount received from the congregations directly on the apportionment. The aggregate receipts from this source are larger than formerly by \$3,072.86. This we take as evidence of growing favor with our people and their willingness generally to pay the allotted share of the apportionment. This must also be accepted as a mark of interest and sympathy on the part of our pastors leading their people in cheerful attention to the necessities of our struggling institutions of learning.

EDUCATION DAY.

We have experienced some embarrassment caused by the action of the former convention of General Synod, depriving us of the day once known as Education Day. Assured that it will be helpful to pastors and congregations in raising the apportionment, and must result in larger contributions, to have the General Synod name a day when the cause of Christian Education shall be presented to the churches and offerings made for the work of this Board, we ask for its reinstatement.

THANKS.

We are indebted to the Lutheran Observer, Lutheran Evangelist and Lutheran World for giving the Board favorable mention, and also for affording us the largest liberty of their columns for contributed articles.

Many of our busy pastors have likewise put us under obligation by kindly furnishing the church papers with appropriate and helpful articles on the subject of Christian education, with direct reference to our work.

In making these acknowledgments we must also gratefully mention that cheer and encouragement have come to us in the kind words and promised co-operation of ministers and laymen from every section of the Church.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend the following for your consideration and adoption:

- 1. Resolved, That the sum of \$15,000 be apportioned to the District Synods for the Board of Education for each of the two years beginning with April 1, 1894.
- 2. Resolved, That Whitsunday be designated as Education Day, at which time churches and Sunday-schools shall make special offerings for the work of the Board of Education. (Referred to Standing Committee on Days, which reported the Sunday next before the 4th of July as the day chosen.)
- 3. Resolved, The necessity for an educated laity, the supplying of our churches with educated pastors and the relation that education sustains towards missions, show the importance of founding and fostering educational institutions, and demand for this Board greater recognition and hearty support.
- 4. Resolved, That the contemplated Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, at Omaha, Neb., be commended to the prayers and beneficence of the entire Church.

In this connection it was ordered by the General Synod that if the Board finds itself unable to begin at once at Omaha, it be empowered to make temporary provision for theological instruction at Midland College.

For the Board of Education,

J. S. DETWEILER, General Secretary.

Members of the Board are-

Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., President. Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Vice-President. Mr. L. G. Kammerer, Treasurer. Rev. F. D. Altman.

Rev. Geo. C. Henry. Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D. Hon. Amos Miller. H. L. Lark, Esq. The Treasurer's report was duly read, and after reading placed in the hands of a committee for auditing.

Summary of Treasurer's Report.

TABULATED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Recapitulation of Receipts.	•
From Synods	\$11866 66
" The Lutheran Publication Society	1200 00
" Lebanon Collection	29 43
" Individuals \$657 30	
" Less credited to Synods 219 50	_
	437 80
" Midland College Endowment Fund Investment	345 50
" Interest on same	17 10
" Omaha Seminary Fund	271 00
Omana Seminary Pulic Loan returned	271 00
" Interest on same	13 84
Total Receipts	\$14452 33
Recapitulation of Disbursements.	
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Amount due Treasurer, J. H. Lyday, at beginning of term	\$5 90
Amount paid Carthage College	1813 00
Midiand Conege	7195 00
Midtand Conege Endowment Fund	362 60
Midiand Conege Special Continuations	255 23
Amount paid for Taxes on Midland College Property	201 37
" " Insurance Midland College Property " note due Mrs. Geo. D. Gotwald	415 00
" " Interest on Borrowed Money	1000 00
" " General Secretary's Salary	103 67 821 22
" General Secretary's Traveling Expenses	124 38
" " Printing, Static nery and Postage	265 32
" Board Meeting Expenses	317 38
" " Omaha Theological Seminary Fund Invested	271 00
" " Omaha Theological Seminary Fund Contribution	2/1 00
returned	50 00
Total Disbursements	\$13201 07
Balance on hand	1251 26
	\$14452 33
OMAHA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FUND.	
Receipts.	
Contributions received as follows:	
From Jere Carl	\$25 00
" Prof. E. S. Breidenbaugh, Sc. D	25 00
" Rev. J. A. Wirt	10 00
" J. G. C. Taddiken	25 00
" Rev. W. C. Seidel	50 00
" Rev. C. R. Trowbridge	25 00

From Rev. P. A. Heilman \$10 00	
" " A Friend" 1 O	
" Prof. H. Louis Baugher, D. D 100 of	o
\$271 O Interest on \$271.00	_
Interest on \$271.00	4
Total Receipts\$284 8.	4
Disbursements.	
Returned W. C. Seidel's Contribution, paid amount to Midland Col-	_
lege, at his request50 o	
Balance\$234 8	4

Tabular Statement of the Amount Apportioned to each District Synod by the General Synod, for the Biennial Term Ending March 31st, 1893, and the Amount Paid by Each.

Name of Synod.	Amount Apportion'd.	Amount Paid	Deficit	Excess	Percentage of Apportuon-ment Paid.
I Synod of Maryland 2 Synod of West Pennsylvania. 3 Hartwick Synod	2832 00 563 00 1157 00 732 00 1501 00 2224 00 951 00 952 00 1060 00 524 00 124 00 136 00 148 00 1503 00 351 00 352 00 353 00 352 00 353 00 352 00	1301 16 90 51 196 34 407 46 999 63 1986 68 380 12 260 27 562 64 333 57 267 12 669 57 551 55 296 03 215 06 59 75 758 43 330 68 1299 26	324 54 601 37 237 32 172 88 1 73 388 36 468 43 568 43 508 425 24 35 508 45 227 97 20 32 20 20 37 32 20 00 51 5 15	\$21 06	46 16 17 56 63 90 69 99 83 74 74 74 74 74 74 48 66 92 88 84
Excess Percentage of A	Apportionm	ent Paid	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	\$56 56	603/5

[•] N. B.—The Treasurer of Olive Branch Synod informs me that in May, 1891, he forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of Education \$90.00, which in the former biennial Treasurer's report was credited on the apportionment due prior to April 1st, 1891, whereas it should have been applied on the apportionment current at the time of the remittance. Had it been so applied, the report at Lebanon, Pa., would not have credited Olive Branch Synod with an excess of \$95.98, but with \$5.98 only, and instead of a deficit in this report there would be an excess of \$91.57, with a percentage of 100 paid on apportionment.

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One year.

Fraternally submitted, St. Louis, April 1st, 1893.

L. G. KAMMERER.

Treasurer.

[†] Including the German Synod of Nebraska.

Properly credited to the Synod of Nebraska only.

Recommendations Approved.

On motion the recommendations of the Board were considered seriatim. The first was adopted, the second was referred to the standing committee on Days of the Boards, the third was adopted, and the fourth after amendment was adopted as amended and the report adopted as a whole.

Board Nominated.

The President appointed a committee to nominate a Board of Education, which reported as follows:

Your committee to nominate a Board of Education respectfully report the following names to constitute that Board:

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Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D.,	Hon. Amos Miller,
" S. B. Barnitz, D. D.,	H. L. Lark, Esq.,
" J. S. Detweiler, D. D.,	Mr. C. J. Ernst,
" F. D. Altman,	Mr. L. G. Kammerer,

" G. C. Henry, Respectfully,

M. W. HAMMA, Chairman.

Report adopted and nominees appointed.

Auditing Committee's Report.

CANTON, OHIO,) MAY 31, 1893.

To the General Synod of the Lutheran Church of the United States.

BRETHREN: The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts of the Board of Education would report that we find the accounts correct. JERE CARL,

Respectfully,

P. F. HARTRANFT.

Adopted.

Biennial Exercises in Behalf of the Board of Education.

The evening of Wednesday, May 31, was taken up with exercises in the interest of the Board of Education, Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., President of the Board, presiding. The liturgical services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Earnest, D. D., Rev. J. W. Lake read the Scriptures, and Rev. E. Brown offered prayer. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Prof. J. Yutzy, of Selinsgrove, Pa.

PROCEEDINGS

RELATING TO THE

Board of Supplies.

This Board made report on the morning of May 26th, the second day of the Synod. It was read by the Secretary, Rev. David H. Bauslin, D. D., and is as follows:

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church:

DEAR BRETHREN:. The Board of Supplies desires herewith to submit its biennial report concerning the work for which it was instituted. The brethren constituting this Board by the action of the last General Synod were as follows: Rev. J. B. Helwig, D. D., Rev. D. H. Bauslin, Rev. M. J. Firey, D. D, Rev. L. S. Keyser, Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, D. D., Rev. L. A. Gotwald, D. D., and Rev. JaJ. Young, D. D. Upon the withdrawal of Rev. Dr. Helwig from our Church in September, 1891, the Rev. Dr. S. F. Breckenridge of Wittenberg Theological Seminary was elected as his successor in compliance with sec. 7 of the By-laws for the government of the Board. The officers of the Board as constituted at present are, President, Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., and Treasurer, Rev. L. S. Keyser. We desire to re-affirm our judgment expressed to the General Synod at Lebanon, in 1891, that as at present organized, without a man giving his time and attention to this work, it is entirely impracticable for this Board to do anything in the work contemplated in two of the duties assigned it, viz.: in encouraging pastorates in the erection of parsonages, and in superintending efforts to raise the synodical apportionment in vacant pastorates. The correspondence of the Board has largely increased, during the last year especially, entailing a large amount of work and expenditure of time on the Secretary, and all that was possible in that way has been done to solve one of the most delicate and difficult problems in a Church governed as is ours, viz.: to afford every minister able and willing to preach an opportunity to do so, and to supply every vacant church caring for the ministry of the Word with pastoral leadership and oversight.

We regret to report that but little information has been received from the ex-officio Vice-presidents, the Presidents of the District Synods. Without the prompt and hearty co-operation of these brethren, and a constant and uniform acquiescence on their part with the purposes and plans of the Board, we are constrained to believe that but little can be done, it being quite impossible for one man, with a limited church acquaintance, and having other work on his hands, to have such an estimate of the entire field, and such a knowledge of men and pastorates and their mutual adaptability, to do the work contemplated when this Board was appointed. Enough experience we have had to convince us that the adjustment of this matter of pastoral supply and demand presents a field for the exercise of large experience, of mature judgment, and of greater synodical fidelity, if not authority, over many of our churches, if their existence, not to say usefulness, is to be perpetuated.

The following tabulated statement will present the present condition of the General Synod regarding the number of vacancies and ministers reported available and unavailable for service. The report is compiled from information received in answer to a circular letter addressed the Presidents of the Synods by the Secretary, and is complete for twenty-five of the twenty-six District Synods, the only Synod failing to report being that of New York and New Jersey.

The number of pastorless churches and churchless pastors, together with some estimate of the compensation problem also, is condensed in this statistical table:

·	vacant	Number of churches	rerage salary paid by these vacancies	nemployed ministers available for service.	Number unavailable for service
Maryland East Pennsylvania West Pennsylvania Alleghany. Central Pennsylvania Pittsburg Susquehanna Wittenberg Miami East Ohio Southern Illinois Central Illinois Northern Illinois Northern Indiana Olive Branch Kansas Nebraska Iowa Wartburg	. 4	26 4 10 4 8 2	550 00 460 00 900 00 350 00 650 00 600 00 600 00 540 00 425 00 400 00	3 3 2 2 1 7 1	55966828642 438
Hartwick Franckean German of Nebraska Middle Tennessee California Rocky Mountain	. 2 . 2 . 1 . 1	3 1 3 	450 00 350 00 300 00 400 C0		2 2 1 2 2 2

This report summarized shows that in the 25 Synods reporting there are 76 vacant pastorates containing 143 churches, whereas two years ago there were 93 vacancies containing 194 churches in the 23 Synods reporting at that time, and that the average salary paid by these vacancies is \$531.25, as against an average of \$521.70 reported two years ago. The churches of the General Synod are thus better supplied with pastors than formerly, notwithstanding the fact that there are 47 ministers reported available for service as against 19 two years ago. The average salary reported is \$10.00 higher than that reported at the meeting two years ago.

The total number of ministers reported available for service, together with the number of young men graduating this year from our theological schools, is 77 over against 76 vacancies.

, Thus this report is much more hopeful than that presented at the last Gen-

eral Synod, which calls for thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church. But notwithstanding that there are fewer vacancies and more men reported available than hitherto, the cry is still for qualified ministers of the Word to fill these vacancies, to say nothing of the urgent demands for those equipped and willing to enter new and promising fields under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

The President of the Kansas Synod writes: "No ministers for the West is our darkest cloud. Can you do anything for us? Our field is actually suffering." Similar expressions of the urgent need for men might be given from other Synods.

The vacancies reported this year are for the most part of short duration. But few cover a period of one year. A number have existed for several months, while the two longest are one of three years and the other of four, and these in charges paying the one \$400 and the other \$300 salary. We are constrained to believe, in view of the facts given in much of our correspondence, in addition to the chief causes: (a) the poor methods practiced in some charges in their efforts to secure pastors; (b) inadequacy of support; and (c) an inadequate supply of qualified ministers of the Word, that much more might be done for our vacant pastorates by the exercise of greater synodical oversight and jurisdiction.

Some of our charges have so far exercised their "liberty" in the matter of choosing pastors as to entirely disregard the advisory functions of Synods and Boards, and have so far gone over to entire independency as to have gone for long periods completely independent of pastoral oversight and ministration, or to have been gradually decinated to near the point of extinction through fruitless months of "candidating" or advertising in various ways for the particular ministerial commodity agreeable to the tastes of their people. They proceed entirely upon the principle of "natural selection," rather than upon the principle of supernatural selection, and accordingly make all sorts of pastoral missits and parochial blunders.

If the work of this Board is to be made more helpful to unemployed ministers and vacant churches, we deem it of grave importance that the General Synod instruct the Presidents of the District Synods to report annually to their conventions on this work, and to be prompt and diligent in furnishing such information to the Secretary of the Board as shall contribute to his knowledge and efficiency, and make of it a constant and helpful medium of communication with different parts of the Church. A synodical committee on vacancies might do much in preparing and keeping, as well as transmitting to this Board a list of the Synods, vacant pastorates and such unemployed ministers as are competent for service and have not retired from the active work of the ministry, and also to arrange for the securing of pastors or supplies for said vacancies by correspondence with the Board or from such available ministers as may belong to their respective Synods. The vision of unused forces and uncared-for folds in the kingdom of our Lord is most depressing. Churchless pastors and pastorless churches manifestly were not contemplated in the divine economy.

and sometimes seem to sadly contradict the cry for more laborers. It is our desire to reduce both to the minimum by intensifying the idea of synodical oversight.

The expenses of the Board amount to \$16, and we ask that an order be granted on the Treasurer for this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID H. BAUSLIN, Secretary.

On motion the above report was adopted as read, and an order for \$16 was granted the Secretary for the expense involved in transacting the business of the Board.

A special committee was ordered to report at this Convention as to the continuance of the Board and upon the employment of a paid Secretary. Their report is as follows:

Continuance of the Board.

Your Committee on the consideration of the advisability of continuing the Board of Supplies and the appointment of a Secretary who should give his entire time to the work would recommend:

First. The continuing of the Board of Supplies as at present constituted.

Second. An appropriation of \$100 per year to be paid out of the General Synod's treasury for the services and expenses of the Secretary of said Board.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. BELL, A. H. STUDEBAKER, H. W. KUHNS, JOHN H. OHR, J. A. DEMPWOLF.

Adopted.

Nominating Committee's Report.

The nominating committee appointed in due course offered the following:

The committee appointed to nominate a Board of Supplies report the following:

Rev. S. F. Breckenridge, D. D., Springfield, Ohio.

Rev. M. J. Firey, D. D., Akron, Ohio.

Rev. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., Springfield, Ohio.

Rev. L. S. Keyser, Springfield, Ohio.

Rev. L. A. Gotwald, D. D., Springfield, Ohio.

Rev. E. W. Simon, Springfield, Ohio.

Rev. John A. Hall, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. J. D. Severinghaus, D. D., Chicago, Illinois.

GEO. W. HENGST S. B. BARNITZ, M. F. TROXEI.L, A. N. WARNER, HENRY S. BONER, J. W. LAKE, HENRY M. KELLER.

Committee.

Adopted.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Publication Society.

CANTON, O., MAY 30, 189 3.

The time for the meeting of the Publication Society according to appointment having arrived, the General Synod gave way to this organization, and Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., its President, took the chair.

A motion prevailed appointing Rev. Albert H. Studebaker, D. D., to receive the fees of any who might wish to become members of the Society.

The minutes of the meeting of May, 1892, in the city of Philadelphia, were now read and approved. They are as follows:

Publication Society Meeting.

The Society met in the rooms of the Board, 42 North Ninth street, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2 p. m. on May 5th, 1892.

In the absence of the President, Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., Rev. Wm. M. Baum, D. D., was elected to preside.

Rev. Wm. S. Freas opened the session with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting having been printed in the Minutes of the General Synod, the reading of them was dispensed with

The election of officers being first in order, on motion Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., and Rev. Wm. S. Freas were continued respectively as President and Secretary of the Society, and in the Presi-

dent's absence Dr. Baum was continued to serve as President pro tem.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board read the reports of the Superintendent, Treasurer and Auditing Committee.

The latter committee reported that the Treasurer's accounts were correct. Committee, L. E. Albert, J. B. Downing, Theoph. H. Smith.

On motion these reports were adopted and filed for reference. The Corresponding Secretary also read a list of publications by the Board, and reported to the Society the death of Mr. S. F. Stadelman, a member of the same.

On motion a committee of five, composed of Revs. L. E. Albert, D. D., S. A. Holman, D. D., S. G. Shannon, and Messrs. Henry S. Boner and Theoph. H. Smith, was appointed to nominate 10 members of the Board to serve two years, and one to fill the unexpired term of Mr. S. F. Stadelman. The committee reported as follows:

. Members of the Board to serve two years:

Clerical.	Lay.
F. W. Conrad, D. D., LL.D.	E. V. Richards,
T. C. Billheimer, D. D.,	T. B. Patton,
W. H. Dunbar, D. D.,	T. B. Stork,
A. H. Studebaker, D. D.,	Arthur King,
Frank P. Manhart.	James Fellows.

To serve as member of the Board for one year in place of Mr. S. F. Stadelman, deceased:

Mr. John T. Monroe.

On motion the Secretary cast the ballot of the Society for the persons above named, and they were declared elected.

There being no further business, the Society adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. G. Shannon.

WM. S. FREAS, Secretary of the Publication Society.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board, Rev. S. A. Holman, D. D., now read the report of the Board for 1893. It is as follows:

Report of the Board of Publication.

The business of the Lutheran Publication Society during the past two years and its present financial condition are exhibited in the following reports of the Superintendent, Treasurer and Auditing Committee:

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31, 1893.

To the President, Officers and Members of the Lutheran Board of Publication—

Brethren: Under the good rules and regulations governing the business department of your Board, I submit herewith my

BIENNIAL REPORT,

showing statements for the years ending March 31, 1892 and 1893, with other facts pertaining to the work of the Publication House, such as the amount of sales during the two years, circulation of the Sunday-school Periodicals, assets at date, etc.

Our kind heavenly Father who has blessed us hitherto is still guiding and directing us in our affairs, as will be apparent to all who will examine the report of the work done during the biennium. We acknowledge this guiding care of Providence with gratitude; and shall we be chided if we hope and pray for a continuance of the same?

During the biennium just closed, or since the Board's last report to the Society, we have earned for and credited the General Synod for royalty on Books of Worship, The Common Service, Catechisms, Liturgies and Augsburg Songs, \$2,094.33; donated as per resolution of the Board, as extra discount on periodicals published by us, to Sunday-schools under the care of the Board of Home Missions, \$2,189.10; charged off and deducted from the cost of stereotype plates, under the rule adopted by the Board in 1878, \$1,619.08; charged off for "wear and tear" of Store and Board room fixtures, \$151.75; charged to Profit and Loss account, for doubtful accounts, \$582.14: a total of \$6,636.40.

In addition to the above we have charged off from our Store Account books, and passed over to the Treasurer of the Board

and Society, the sum of \$12,000.00, disposition of which you have made as the Treasurer's Report will show.

So that the "Financial Exhibit" for the year ending March 31, 1893, may be readily and easily compared with that of former years, those for the years 1891 and 1892 are also given:

Financial Statement for the Year Ending March 31, 1891.

Assets.	Amoun	u.	Liabilities.	Amount.	
Merchandise	4,380 1,531 25,002 2,775	90 80 66 65	NET ASSETS	\$6,244 66,855	88 68
	\$73,100	56		\$73,100	56

^{*}The item of \$6,244.88 is cost to supply periodicals published by the House, and paid for in advance by subscribers.

Amount of sales for the year ending March 31, 1891.....\$73,200 76

Financial Exhibit for the Year Ending March 31, 1892.

Assets.	Amous	sť.	Liabilities.	` Amoun	sť.
Merchandise	3,883 1,478 27,514	39 63 39 87	odicals (cost)	l	14 24
	874,247	38		\$74,247	38

^{*} The item of \$6,244.14 is cost to supply periodicals published by the House, and paid for in advance by subscribers.

Amount of sales for the year ending March 31, 1892.....\$73,400 45

[†] The stereotype plates carried in the Inventory at \$4,380.90, cost the House \$23,850.25.

[†] The stereotype plates carried in the Inventory at \$3,883.39, cost the House \$24,295.03.

Financial Exhibit for the Year Ending March 31, 1893.

Assets.	Amount.	Liabilities.	Amount.
Merchandise	3,929 12 1,404 70 28,493 41	odicals (cost)	\$6,362 34 69,365 39
	\$75,727 73		\$75.727 73

^{*} The item of \$6,362.34 is cost to supply periodicals published by the House, and paid for in advance by subscribers.

The "Financial Exhibit" for March 31, 1893, and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the same date, make up the net assets of the Society.

It is a great satisfaction, and affords me much pleasure to be able to record that the circulation of our Sunday-school Periodicals exceeds a quarter of a million copies.

This increase in circulation is evidence that Lutheran Lesson Helps are now being used by Sunday-schools heretofore using something not so well adapted for their purpose.

Number of Periodicals Ordered to be made for May 1, 1893.

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Lutheran Sunday-school Herald			
Augsburg Sunday-school Teacher			12,000
Augsburg Lesson Book			
Augsburg Junior Lesson Book			63,000
Augsburg Lesson Leaf			17,500
Augsburg Junior Lesson Leaf			11,500
The Little Ones			51,500
Total			255,500

For the corresponding month in the last Biennial Report, the total number was 229,600. In 1883 (ten years ago), 130,250.

The Lutheran Almanac and Year Book continues to be the "Handy Book of Reference" for Lutheran Statistics. The usual number did not supply the demand for 1893. A second edition was called for and published. With the assistance of pastors and

superintendents of Sunday-schools, we hope to make the circulation of this important "Annual" reach 25,000 copies. Every Lutheran family should have a copy for "handy reference."

With a deep sense of gratitude to a guiding Providence, acknowledgment to the Board for encouragement and courtesies extended, thanks to the patrons for patronage, and an appreciation of good services rendered by all our employes, this report, with all books and papers pertaining thereto, is cheerfully submitted for audit.

HENRY S. BONER,
Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mr. Joseph Stulb. Treasurer. in account with Luther an Publication Society.

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1891.		Dr.	
April	I.	To Balance	\$26200 38
-66	3-	" Interest Car Trust	\$75 00
44	ğ.	" Rent, M. E. Diefenderfer	25 00
44	28.	" Interest Perkiomen R. R	50 00
44	30.	" Annual Dues, Rev. V. L. Conrad, D. D.	1 00
May	ī.	" " W. H. Lewars	1 00
"	20.	" Rent, M. E. Diefenderfer	25 00
66	28.	" Annual Dues, Rev. F. P. Manhart	100 `
66	28.	" G. W. Enders, D. D.	1 00
44	28.	" " G. U. Wenner, D. D.	1 00
44	28.	" " F. Klinefelter	1 00
66	28.	" Mr. Jno. A. Beyer	1 00 1
June	14.	" Rent, M. E. Diefenderfer	25 00
July	2.	" Interest Perkiomen R. R	50 00
"	2.	" Car Trust	75 0 0
44	17.	" Rent, M. E. Diefenderfer	25 00
Aug.	8.	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	25 00
Sept.	3.	" Interest Lombard Mtg	150 00
ü	24.	" Rent, M. E. Diesenderser, to Nov. 1	50 0 0
Oct.	2.	" Interest Perkiomen R. R	50 00
44	12.	" Car Trust	75 0 0
66	20.	" Legacy of Jno. Rung	
Dec.	2.	" Annual Dues, Rev. Wm. Kelly	1 00
44	16.	" Interest Union Trust Co. to Dec. 1, 1891	42 52
189	2.		
Jan.	4.	" Interest Perkiomen R. R	50 00
"	4.	" Car Trust	75 00
"	4.	" Rent, M. E. Diefenderfer (2 mos.)	50 00
66	ġ.	" " " "	25 00
Feb.	2.	" " "	25 00
"	16.	" Annual Dues, Rev. T. C. Billheimer, D. D.	
"	16.	" " W. H. Dunbar, D. D.	1 00
44	16.	" " W. H. Steck	1 00
44	16.	" T. B. Stork, Esq	2 00
46	16.	" Jas. Fellows, Esq	1 00

196		PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Feb.	16.	To Annual Dues, Mr. J. B. Downing \$1 00
Mar.	3.	" Rent, M. E. Diefenderfer 25 00
66	12.	" Interest Lombard Mtg 150 00
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44	31.	" " Union Trust. 1000 00
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66	3.	" Home Missions, L. T. Appold, Treas 2000 00
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MR. JOSEPH STULB, Treasurer, in account with Lutheran Publication Society.

ANNUAL STATEMENT, MARCH 31ST, 1893. Dr.

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	ä	30.	" Life Membership, Rev. Wm. M. Baum, Jr.	10	00		
	Oct.	Ĭ.	" Interest, Perkiomen R. R	50	00		
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	Mar.	ĭ.	" " Lombard mortgage	150	00		
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			posited in Union Trust Co	6000	00		
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REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Lutheran Board of Publication:

Your Auditing Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and the books of the Superintendent setting forth the business transactions of the Society for the year ending March 31st, 1893.

From the accounts of the Treasurer, Joseph Stulb, there appears a balance of cash and securities amounting to the sum of \$34,-895.02. The sum of \$20,895.02 being in cash, and the remainder being securities worth at the face value \$14,000.

The net assets invested in the business of the House, as shown by the books, including the real estate, 42 North Ninth street,

Philadelphia, amount to \$69,365.39. The figures have been compared and verified from the books.

The total assets of the Society as thus shown amount to \$104,-260.41, an increase of \$11,204.35 for the last two years, as against an increase of \$8,595.39 for the previous two years; the sum of \$8,500 having been in each period given to benevolent objects as provided in the Charter of the Society.

It is also proper to say that in this estimate of assets the real estate is put down at cost, which is much less than its actual value, and all the proper deductions, such as are made in the best business houses for wear and tear and depreciation, have been made. Indeed, the completeness and accuracy of the system of bookkeeping employed by the Superintendent is worthy of great praise. Without it it would be difficult to easily handle the detail made necessary by the large number of periodicals issued by the House, periodicals which have now attained the large circulation of 255,500 copies.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. STORK, JAMES FELLOWS, THEOPH. H. SMITH.

PUBLICATIONS ISSUED FROM APRIL 1891 TO APRIL 1893.

NEW BOOKS.

Feb., 1892. Practical Reflections on the Book of Ruth, by Rev. M. C. Horine, A. M. 12mo., cloth, 122 pages.

Nov., 1892. Luther's Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount. Translated by C. A. Hay, D. D., 12mo., cloth, 506 pages.

Mar., 1893. The Distinctive Doctrines and Usages of the General Bodies of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. 12mo., cloth and paper, 193 pages.

NEW EDITIONS.

Aug., 1891. Book of Worship. 24mo.

Oct., 1891. Book of Worship, with tunes.

Dec., 1891. Book of Worship. 16mo.

Mar., 1892. Augsburg Songs.

Nov., 1892. Book of Worship. 24mo.

Jan., 1893. Book of Worship, with tunes.

Feb., 1893. General Synod Catechism.

PUBLISHED FOR OTHERS.

May, 1891. Why I Am Not an Agnostic, by Rev. E. D. Smith. 12mo., paper, 55 pages.

Aug., 1891. Conrad's Catechism. (New edition.)

Sept., 1891. Way of Salvation. (New edition.)

Oct., 1891. Order of Service, for Luther Alliance.

Dec., 1891. Souvenir of Sarah H. Born.

Jan., 1892. Lutheran Church. Dr. Ort. Pamphlet.

Jan., 1892. Impartial Investigation into the Reasonableness of the Doctrines of Christianity, by Prof. E. Schultz. 12mo., cloth, 264 pages.

Mar., 1892. Conrad's Catechism. (New edition.)

Sept., 1892. Around the Home Table, by Rev. J. C. Jacoby, 12mo., cloth, 307 pages.

Dec., 1892. Way of Salvation. (New edition.)

Jan., 1893. Christian Worship—Its Principles and Forms, by Rev. J. W. Richard, D. D., and Rev. F. V. N. Painter, A. M. 8vo., cloth, 358 pages.

Feb., 1893. Conrad's Catechism. (New edition.)

Mar., 1893. Sacramental Presence. Rev. J. A. Hall, D. D. Pamphlet.

Mar., 1893. History of the 75th Indiana Infantry, by Rev. D. B. Floyd. 8vo., cloth, 457 pages.

The plates of Gerhard's Sacred Meditations have lately come into our possession, and an edition of the work will be published in the near future.

DONATIONS.

At the last meeting of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the questions of making any appropriations at all, or of making appropriations to an amount not exceeding \$8,500.00, to the several benevolent organizations of the General Synod, be referred to the Society at its annual meeting at Canton, Ohio.

THE OBJECTS AND THE WORK.

It will be seen from the foregoing statements that the Board has kept in view the three-fold purpose of the organization of the Society:

First, to provide for its financial stability, by the steady increase of its business and of its capital, having accumulated net assets to the present time to the value of \$104,260.41.

Secondly, to aid the benevolent organizations of the Church, in conformity with the provisions of its Constitution, which direct that "all the profits and earnings made by the Society in its business, which in the judgment of the Board shall not be required for the purposes of the corporation, shall be appropriated" to these organizations. In furtherance of these ends the Society has approved the action of the Board in appropriating thus far in behalf of the various Boards of the Church the sum of \$33,500.00.

Thirdly, to fulfil the purpose of the corporation in "the diffusion of religious knowledge and furnishing and circulating suitable church literature, in harmony with the doctrinal basis of the General Synod."

PUBLICATIONS.

Since its organization, this Society has published 127 books and 11 pamphlets or tracts of which it owns the copyright. It has also published for others 25 books and 14 pamphlets or tracts; and, periodicals which at the present time have an aggregate circulation of 255,500 copies.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

With gratitude for the Divine blessing, it should be said that these results are largely due to the patronage of the Church, an increasing measure of which we bespeak for the Society, that its usefulness and prosperity may yet further be enlarged.

Again recognizing the efficient services of the Superintendent and his assistants, this report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

S. A. HOLMAN, Corresponding Secretary.

Adopted as a whole.

The following action was taken on the disposal of the surplus of the Board:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Lutheran Publication Society that in the future net profits should be first and largely used for the development of our Sunday-school and Church literature, and that any remaining profits should be used in assisting the Boards and Societies of Beneficence.

For this year the distribution from profits shall be

To Board of Foreign Missions	\$1000	00
To Board of Home Missions	1000	00
To Board of Church Extension	1000	00
To Board of Education	1000	00
To Parent Education Society	1000	00
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\$5000 00

Constitution Amended.

An amendment to Article IX. of the Constitution, to the effect that the Pastors' Fund be included in said article as one of the beneficiaries of the Publication Society, having been duly advertised according to the requirements of the Constitution, was now offered and on motion adopted.

The President appointed a nominating committee as usual, which reported as below:

Officers of the Society and Members of the Board Appointed.

Your Committee appointed to nominate officers of the Publication Society and members of the Board of Publication for two years report the following: President of the Publication Society—Rev. Charles S. Albert, D. D. Secretary of the Publication Society—Rev. Wm. S. Freas, D. D.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D.,	Mr. Joseph Stulb,
Rev. Wm. M. Baum, D. D.,	Mr. Theophilus H. Smith,
Rev. S. A. Holman, D. D.,	Prof. L. O. Foose,
Rev. E. Huber, D. D.,	Mr. J. B. Downing,
Rev. J. J. Young, D. D.,	Mr. B. S. Kunkle.
Respectfully submitted,	S. A. ORT,
•	J. B. FOCHT,
•	CHAS. W. HEISLER,
	C. W. HUMRICHOUSE,
	W. H. RUPPLE.

Report adopted and nominees elected.

The following action was proposed:

WHEREAS, There is a general demand for a scaling down in the prices of our Sunday-school literature; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby request the Board of Publication to make a careful revision of their catalogue, reducing the price on all Sunday-school supplies—including library books—to prices averaging 5 per cent. above actual cost.

Resolved, That we request the Board of Publication to consider the advisibility of publishing the Sunday-school Herald weekly, half of the numbers to be printed in colors—even if smaller in size.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication consider the feasability of furnishing suitable leaflets, tracts, etc., for general distribution at a nominal price, on Our Church, Her Name, Polity, Doctrines, Work, etc.

On motion the first and second of the above resolutions were referred to the Board of Publication. The third resolution was then adopted and the paper adopted as a whole.

It was moved and concurred in that the Society endorse the project which the Board have under consideration, looking to a new and more favorable location for the Publication House.

It was also

Resolved, That the Board have power given them by the Society to donate \$1,000 to the Pastors' Fund Society.

After the reading and approval of the minutes, the Society adjourned.

Publication Society Addresses.

The usual evening meeting was held in the interests of the Publication Society, on Tuesday, May 30th. An attractive order of service had been provided by the Board, according to which Rev. Harlan K. Fenner, D. D., of Louisville, Ky., delivered an address on "The Needed Literature," and Rev. Wm. E. Parson, D. D., one on "The Cause and its Claims." Revs. J. A. Clutz, D. D., H. L. Baugher, D. D., and W. H. Dunbar, D. D., participated in rendering the program.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Parent Education Society.

CANTON, O., MAY 31, 1893.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President of the Society, the President of General Synod, Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., took the chair, and at the time for the meeting of the Society called the brethren to order.

A committee was appointed to nominate officers of the Society, and the Secretary of General Synod was named as Secretary pro tem. of the Society.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and on motion adopted. It is as follows:

E. S. BREIDENBAUGH, Treasurer, in account with Parent Education Society.

DR.

189	ı.			
May	13.	Balance in hands of Treasurer at last settlement	\$100	95
Aug.	14.	From Lutheran Publication Society, donation	1000	00
Oct.	9.	" C. A. Hay, D. D., interest on trust funds	114	00
66	18.	" Rev. A. G. Wolf, returned loan	80	00
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Mar.	10.	" Rev. T. L. Crouse, in part payment of loan	30	00
Oct.		" C. A. Hay, D. D., interest on trust fund	114	00
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Jan.	ī.	" H. E. Herman, returned on loan	50	00
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Oct.	29.	To O. A. Stuckenberg	\$ 50	00
66	30.	" R. B. Wolf	60	00
44	30.	" S. A. Ort, D. D., for use of M. O. Felker	75	00

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204 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARENT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Nov.	ı.	To J. D. Severinghaus, D. D., for use of students	\$200 00	
44	2.	" O. A. Stuckenberg	10 00	
"	I 2.	" C. S. Scholl	37 50	
Dec.	15.	" R. B. Wolf	45 00	
189			43	
Feb.	ı.	" S. A. Ort, D. D., for use of H. C. Funk and M. E.		
		Bollinger	75 00	
44	5.	" O. A. Stuckenberg	50 00	
Mar.	I.	" L. F. Miller	35 00	
April	9.	" L. F. Miller	15 00	
	25.	" C. S. Scholl	37 50	
66	28.	" R. B. Wolf	45 00	
44	29.	" O. A. Stuckenberg	40 00	
Sept.	29. 24.	" R. B. Wolf	60 00	
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Dec.	15.	"F. Fickinger	40 00	
	16.	" C. S. Scholl	60 00	
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Jan.	4.	" R. B. Wolf	45 00	
Feb.	8.	" F. Fickinger	30 00	
Mar.	9.	" C. S. Scholl	35 00	
**	25.	" R. B. Wolf	45 00	
May	13.	" C. S. Scholl	35 00	
•6	22.	" F. Fickinger	30 00	
66	22.	Balance in hands of Treasurer	38 3 95	
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			\$1538 95	

The above account audited and found correct.

AMOS ECKERT, Auditor.

May 22, 1893.

The thanks of the Society were tendered to the Publication Society for the donation of \$1,000 to their funds.

Report of the Nominating Committee.

The nominating committee reported as follows:

President-Rev. John Tomlinson.

Vice-President-Theoph. H. Smith.

Recording Secretary-Rev. Chas. A. Hay, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary-Prof. J. A. Himes.

Treasurer-Prof. E. S. Breidenbaugh.

Auditor-Mr. Amos Eckert.

Executive Committee-Rev. E. J. Wolf, D. D., M. Valentine, D. D., LL. D.,

Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D., Rev. H. W. McKnight, D. D., LL. D., Prof. E. S. Breidenbaugh, Rev. P. M. Bikle, Prof. J. A. Himes.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

W. H. SETTLEMYER, F. KLINEFELTER, S. W. HARMAN.

Adopted.

On motion the Society adjourned.

WM. S. FREAS, Secretary pro tem.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Historical Society.

Canton, O., June 1st, 1893. }

The Historical Society met according to the order of business, and in the absence of the President, Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., LL.D., Vice-President Ort took the chair and called the meeting to order.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting at Lebanon was omitted, and the President appointed Kev. Wm. S. Freas, D. D., as Secretary pro tem.

A nominating committee was also appointed and the Curator's report was then read by Rev. P. H. Miller.

On motion the report was adopted, and the financial statement submitted with it referred to a committee for audit. It was

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Society are hereby tendered to the Curator, Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D., for his invaluable and devoted services.

It was on motion agreed to dispense with the usual biennial exercises of the Society for this evening.

The Treasurer's report was hereupon read as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

GETTYSBURG, MAY 22, 1893.

Report of AMOS ECKERT, Treasurer of the Historical Society:

DR.

To balance on hand June 1st, 1891		
	\$483	50

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June 12.	By check	to Dr.	C. A.	Hay				٠.										. \$50	00
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Audited above account and found same correct.

E. S. BREIDENBAUGH, Auditor.

Adopted.

Nominations.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

The committee appointed to nominate officers of the Historical Society would respectfully report the following:

President-Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., LL.D.

Vice-Presidents—Revs. M. Sheeleigh, D. D., S. A. Ort, D. D., and J. A. Clutz, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary-Rev. J. W. Richard, D. D.

Recording Secretary-Rev. Wm. S. Freas, D. D.

Curator-Rev. C. A. Hay, D. D.

Treasurer-Mr. Amos Eckert.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. BREIDENBAUGH, F. KLINEFELTER, W. E. PARSON.

Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we regard the existence and the successful operation of the Lutheran Historical Society as an important feature in our Church activities, and that we will do all in our power to promote its interests.

The Curator's financial statement is as follows:

CHARLES A. HAY, in account with Lutheran Historical Society.

Dr. Cr. 1891. 1891. To amount on hand \$29 40 May 20. May 6) By cash paid as To cash from A. Eckert, 20. per vouchers \$192 76 Treasurer, at various to May 25 Balance in Curtimes..... 225 00 To cash for Minutes sold 1893 J ator's hands. 103 03 20. to various parties.... 41 39 \$295 79 \$295 79 T. C. BILLHEIMER. Auditors: M. J. FIREY.

Gettysburg, Pa., May 29, 1893.

Auditors' Report on the Above.

Your Committee to audit the account of C. A. Hay, D. D., Curator of the Historical Society, find the same correct, with a balance of \$103.03 in the Treasurer's hands.

T. C. BILLHEIMER,
M. J. FIREY.

Adopted.

The minutes were then read and approved, and on motion the Society adjourned.

WM. S. FREAS, Secretary pro tem.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

I. TEMPORARY COMMITTEES.

Tellers-Rev. A. J. Turkle, Mr. Samuel W. Harman and Mr. Jos. W. Kahler.

State of the Church—Revs. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., Luther Kuhlman, James Pitcher, M. J. Firey, D. D., H. C. Haithcox, R. G. Linker, C. W. Heisler, Prof. E. E. Campbell, Messrs. Wm. S. Massonneau, Geo. H. Knollenberg, H. Sprick.

Devotional Exercises—Revs. J. H. Harpster, J. C. Kauffman, A. J. Turkle.

Correspondence with Other Ecclesiastical Bodies—Revs. S. F. Breckenridge,
D. D., B. F. Alleman, D. D., H. C. Holloway, D. D., Geo. A. Bowers, D. D.,

Prof. E. S. Breidenbaugh, Mr. V. G. Tressler.

Mileage-Messrs. J. L. Bikle, J. W. Kahler, C. J. Ernst.

Apportionment—Prof. L. O. Foose, J. L. Zimmerman, Esq., H. L. Lark, Esq. Business—Revs. H. C. Holloway, D. D., M. W. Empie, R. Neumaerker, Messrs. Frank B. Wickersham, G. G. Burnett.

Resolutions—Revs. J. A. Clutz, D. D., H. K. Fenner, D. D., J. A. Singmaster, W. H. Rupple, Esq., Horace Alleman, Esq.

Minutes of Last Convention-Revs. J. Yutzy, W. A. Shipman, Jeremiah Zimmerman.

Minutes of District Synods—Revs. E. H. Leisenring, Wm. Smith, M. L. Culler, Messrs. W. J. Dale, Franklin Hunt.

Leave of Absence—Revs. J. W. Poffinberger, E. W. Erick, Mr. N. Manning. On Paper regarding Syracuse Orphanage—Revs. J. Zimmerman, G. M. Grau, D. D., D. Sprecher, G. E. Harsh, Prof. E. E. Campbell, Messrs. I. O. Nissley, Fred. T. Huber.

Sunday Observance at the World's Fair—Revs. E. J. Wolf, D. D., D. M. Gilbert, D. D., H. L. Wiles, D. D., Dr. O. B. Blackman, Mr. C. F. Stiefel.

On United Christian Commission—Revs. W. E. Parson, D. D., T. T. Everett, D. D., W. L. Tedrow, Messrs. Wm. J. Miller, D. G. Remaley.

Invitation to Swedish Bishop—Revs. J. B. Remensnyder, D. D., A. H. Studebaker, D. D., S. A. Ort, D. D., Hon. M. D. Harter, Mr. A. L. Selig.

Temperance—Revs. G. W. Miller, D. D., A. G. I astnacht, L. D. Wells, Messrs. W. Irving Parsons, F. K. Sweet, L. R. Bowman.

On Proposition concerning Home for the Aged, Harrisburg, Pa.—Revs. D. B. Floyd, C. E. Hay, Mr. Martin Bock.

Application of Immanuel Synod—Revs. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., J. J. Young, D. D., J. C. Koller, D. D., C. E. Raymond, Messrs. Louis Manss, J. G. C. Taddiken, J. T. Selmser.

On Meeting of Welcome to General Synod—Revs. J. H. Harpster, J. M. Cromer, H. C. Holloway, D. D., Messrs. J. W. Kahler, M. B. Spahr.

Continuance of Board of Supplies—Revs. E. K. Bell, D. D., A. H. Stude-baker, D. D., H. W. Kuhns, D. D., Messers. John H. Ohr, J. A. Dempwolf.

To Fix Time for Adjournment—Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Messrs. Sterling Valentine, J. W. Kahler.

On Constitution of German Theological Seminary—Revs. E. J. Wolf, D. D., J. B. Remensnyder, D. D., Edward Vollrath, Esq., W. H. Rupple, Esq.

On Debt of German Theological Seminary—Revs. W. H. Dunbar, D. D., J. W. Poffinberger, Mr. Jere Carl.

On Overture of Nebraska Synod—Revs. T. C. Billheimer, D. D., J. A. Earnest, D. D., J. M. Cromer, Messrs. Chas. A. Schieren, August Wendt.

On Overture of Pittsburgh Synod—Revs. M. Rhodes, D. D., L. P. Ludden, P. A. Heilman, Messrs. Sterling Valentine, S. W. Harman.

On Overture of Northern Indiana Synod—Revs. Wm. M. Baum, D. D., W. E. Parson, D. D., J. F. Shaffer, D. D., E. D. Smith, D. D., Mr. Geo. B. Hiller, Hon. J. G. Boyer, Prof. W. S. Dysinger.

On Overture of Iowa Synod—Revs. M. Valentine, D. D., LL. D., G. M. Grau, D. D., S. D. Daugherty.

On Overture of East Pennsylvania Synod—Revs. P. M. Bikle, M. F. Troxell, S. E. Smith, H. W. Kuhns, D. D., J. M. Reimensnyder.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of General Synod—Messrs. Wm. J. Miller, L. M. Beck, W. H. Rupple, Esq.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions-Messrs. J. B. Reddig, W. L. Armiger, W. H. Hull, M. D.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of Board of Church Extension—Messrs. J. C. Parker, O. L. Sigafoos, U. J. Martz.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions-Messrs. E. Vollrath, Esq., J. H. Berlin, W. H. James.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of Board of Education—Messrs. Jere Carl, E. J. Grosscup, P. F. Hartranft.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of Board of Deaconesses—Messrs. Wm. S. Massonneau, J. W. Miller, A. H. Etter.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of Pastors' Fund Society—Messrs. Henry S. Boner, A. A. Coney, Jacob Hoffman.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of Hymn-book Publishing Committee— Messrs. Prof. E. S. Breidenbaugh, C. W. Humrichouse, H. G. Wolf.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of German Theological Seminary at Chicago—Messrs. D. R. Hosterman, Wm. H. Kauffman, J. W. Heim.

To Audit Accounts of Treasurer of Historical Society—Revs. T. C. Bill-heimer, D. D., W. H. Dunbar, D. D.

To Nominate a Board of Home Missions—Revs. John A. Hall, D. D., P. H. Miller, W. H. Settlemyer, G. Z. Cochel, E. Brown, A. N. Warner, Messrs. Henry S. Boner, J. M. Searles, J. M. Sarver, Luther Troxell.

To Nominate a Board of Foreign Missions—Revs. S. A. Ort, D. D., E. Huber, D. D., J. B. Focht, W. L. Seabrook, Eli Miller, W. H. Blancke, Messrs. J. B. Hileman, John L. Zimmerman, Esq., John G. C. Taddiken, D. S. Royer.

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Convention of Lutheran Young People—Revs. M. F. Troxell, A. J. Turkle and Mr. W. H. Beck.

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IV. DELEGATES TO OTHER GENERAL BODIES.

United Synod of the South-Rev. Luther Kuhlman; alternate, Rev. P. H. Miller.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. F. Shaffer, D. D.; alternate, Rev. M. F. Troxell.

General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church—Rev. H. L. Wiles, 1), D.; alternate, Rev. M. L. Culler.

Reformed Church in America—Rev. Prof. James Pitcher; alternate, Rev. J. W. Lake.

Reformed Church in the United States—Rev. H. K. Fenner, D. D.; alternate, Rev. M. J. Firey, D. D.

General Conference of the U. B. Church-Rev. H. C. Haithcox; alternate, Rev. J. A. Earnest, D. D.

United Norwegian Synod—Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D. D.; alternate, Rev. Conrad Huber.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

.. ...

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As amended and declared adopted at Washington, D. C., May 14, 1869.

PREAMBLE.

Jesus Christ, the Supreme Head of His Church, having prescribed no entire specific directory for its government and discipline, and every section of His Church being left at liberty to make such regulations, additional to those found in the Scriptures, as are in harmony with the Word of God, and best adapted to its situation and circumstances; therefore, relying upon God our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in the Word of God, for the promotion of the practice of brotherly love, to the furtherance of Christian concord, to the firm establishment and continuance of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and for the accomplishment of the grand design for which the Church of Christ was established on earth, We, the Evangelical Lutheran Synods connected with the General Synod, for ourselves and our successors, do adopt the following

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name, style, and title of this body shall be, "The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall consist of the Clerical and Lay Delegates from the several District Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States which are now connected with it, or may hereafter join themselves thereunto, and who shall be duly acknowledged as members thereof, in the following ratio, namely:

Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod, containing eight ministers, may send one; if it contains sixteen, two; if twenty-four, three; if thirty-two, four; if forty, five; if fifty-five, six; if seventy, seven; if eighty-five, eight; and if it contain one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained

ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Sysod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay representative.

SECTION 2. Each delegate appearing in the General Synod according to this ratio shall enjoy equal rights and privileges in the transaction of its business. Each Synod may choose its delegates in such a manner as to it may seem proper, and shall pay the traveling expenses of the same to and from the General Synod, unless the General Synod shall otherwise provide.

SECTION 3. All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers, the Word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that Word, may at any time become associated with the General Synod by adopting this Constitution and sending delegates to its Convention according to the ratio specified in section first of this Article.

SECTION 4. Should the delegates of any District Synod withdraw from the sessions of the General Synod without the consent of a majority of the members of the body, and such withdrawal be sanctioned by their Synod; or should any Synod, without being excused by the General Synod, decline sending delegates, such Synod shall be considered as having severed its connection with the General Synod, and its delegates can only be again received as those of a newly-applying Synod.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The Delegates to the General Synod shall, at each meeting, choose by ballot, from among their number, a President and Secretary; and from among their own number or elsewhere, a Treasurer. These officers shall continue in office until the next meeting of the Synod, and until others are chosen in their stead. The same person is at all times re-eligible as Secretary or Treasurer; but no one may be elected President except an ordained minister, nor more than twice in succession.

SECTION 2. The President shall act as chairman of the Synod, and may take part in the discussions and vote as any other member, but shall not originate motions. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions, and proceedings of the Synod. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one or more of the acknowledged Synods, or by a respectable number of the ministers or churches connected with the General Synod, he may convene the delegates of the General Synod in special session. In case the business of the Secretary becomes too burdensome for one person to execute, he shall, with the concurrence of the Secretary, appoint an Assistant Secretary, and make known to him what portion of labor he is to undertake.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings, write, attest, and take care of all the documents and writings, publish the time and place of the meeting of the Synod in the papers of the Church, at least two

months beforehand, and, in case of a special meeting, he shall given written notice thereof to the President of each of the District Synods immediately upon the issue of the call for such special meeting.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Synod, and shall keep a faithful account of the same, which must be submitted at each meeting of the General Synod. At its pleasure he may also be required to give bond and security for the faithful performance of his trust. He shall pay out moneys only in pursuance of a resolution of Synod, or upon an order of the President, attested by the Secretary.

SECTION 5. Should any officer of the Synod, in the intermediate time of the assembling of the body, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, then the remaining officers shall appoint some capable and faithful man in his place until the next meeting of the General Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

The General Synod, as the highest Ecclesiastical Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches connected with it through their District Synods, shall have the control of all those interests of the Church which are of a general character. The powers more specifically entrusted to the General Synod are chiefly the following:

SECTION 1. The General Synod shall examine the proceedings of the District Synods belonging to it, in order that it may obtain a knowledge of the existing state of the Church; and it may publish the statistics of the Church, and reports on the state of religion, with such plans and recommendations for the promotion of the kingdom of Christ at home and abroad, as it shall deem proper. The District Synods shall, therefore, transmit to it regularly several copies of the proceedings of their annual conventions.

SECTION 2. The General Synod shall be charged with the duty of providing the books or writings to be used in the public worship of the Church, and in the catechetical instruction of the young, such as Liturgies, Hymn-Books and Catechisms; and no District Synod shall, without the sanction of the General Synod, publish or recommend books of this kind, other than those furnished by the General Synod.

SECTION 3. The General Synod, as the representative body of all of the Synods connected therewith, shall make provision for the general missionary and benevolent operations of the Church, such as Home and Foreign Missions, Church Extension, providing a church literature, founding and maintaining institutions for the support of poor and disabled ministers and their widows and orphans, and other general benevolent and charitable institutions. It shall use all its power and means to unite, foster and make efficient these operations of the Church.

SECTION 4. To accomplish these ends, the General Synod shall, whenever deemed practical and expedient, create and perpetuate such Boards of Managers as it may consider necessary efficiently to carry forward these operations of the Church, and to determine the number of members of each, and the

time of their continuance in office, and to assign to each Board its appropriate work and duties. These Boards shall always be subject to and under the control of the General Synod.

SECTION 5. Each Board thus created, acting under the control and by the authority of the General Synod, shall make the regulations necessary for the management of its own affairs, shall appoint its own officers, shall keep full and correct minutes of its proceedings, and shall make report of the same at each meeting of the General Synod. For the greater security of the funds and property which may at any time be intrusted to these Boards, any one or all of them shall, at the request of the General Synod, obtain acts of incorporation, and the Treasurers of the same shall give suitable bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

SECTION 6. The General Synod may also institute and create a treasury for the efficient advancement of its purposes.

SECTION 7. The General Synod shall also advise the adoption of such rules and regulations among the several Synods as may prevent unpleasant and unfriendly collisions that might otherwise arise out of any difference of opinion existing among them, or from any other causes; and it shall apply all its powers, prayers and means for the prevention of schisms among us; it shall be sedulously and incessantly regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise and progress of unity of sentiment, among Christians in general, in order that the blessed opportunities to promote concord and unity, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, may not pass by neglected and unavailing.

SECTION 8. The General Synod may give advice or opinion, when complaints shall be brought before them by whole Synods, Ministeriums, Congregations or individual ministers or laymen, concerning doctrine or discipline. They shall, however, be extremely careful that the consciences of ministers of the Gospel be not burdened with human inventions, laws or devices, and that no one be oppressed by reason of difference of opinion on non-fundamental doctrines.

SECTION 9. If differences of Synods be referred, the votes thereon shall be taken by Synods, and the referring Synods shall have no vote.

ARTICLE V.

The order of business shall be regulated by the By-Laws and Standing Rules, except as follows:

SECTION 1. A majority of the Delegates from a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod appearing with proper credentials, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 2. The General Synod shall appoint, by ballot, the time and place of the next Convention; observing at all times, however, that one meeting, at least, be held every two years.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. The General Synod may make whatever By-Laws it may deem

necessary, provided only that they do not contradict the spirit of this Constitution.

SECTION 2. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made, except by the consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to the General Synod. An exact copy of the intended alterations must be sent by the Secretary to the Presidents of District Synods in connection with this body, with the request that they submit them to their respective Synods for decision. And if, at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod, it shall appear from their minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall be declared adopted.

REPUDIATION OF ALLEGED ERRORS IN THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted at York, in 1864, and at the Canton meeting in 1893 it was ordered that hereafter they be regularly printed in connection with the Constitution:

WHEREAS, The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States has recognized the Augsburg Confession, both in the Constitution of the Theological Seminary and in the Constitution recommended to the District Synods as well as in her Liturgy, and

Whereas, Our Churches have been agitated by the imputation of grave and dangerous errors in this Confession, so that amid conflicting statements, many who are sincerely desirous of knowing the truth are distracted, knowing not what to believe, and the danger of internal conflict and schism is greatly increased, and

Whereas, The General Synod, according to its Constitution, "shall apply all their powers, their prayers and their means towards the prevention of schisms among us," we, therefore, in Synod assembled, in the presence of the Searcher of hearts, desire to declare to our churches and before the world, our judgment in regard to the imputation of these errors and the alienation among brethren which may arise from them.

Resolved, That while this Synod, resting on the Word of God as the sole authority in matters of faith, on its infallible warrant rejects the Romish doctrine of the real presence or Transubstantiation, and with it the doctrine of Consubstantiation; rejects the Romish mass and all the ceremonies distinctive of the mass: denies any power in the sacraments as an opus operatum, or that the blessings of Baptism and the Lord's Supper can be received without faith: rejects auricular confession and priestly absolution; holds that there is no priesthood on earth but that of all believers, and that God only can forgive sins, and maintains the divine obligations of the Sabbath; and while we would with our whole heart reject any part of any Confession which taught doctrines in conflict with this our testimony, nevertheless, before God and His Church we declare that in our judgment, the Augsburg Confession, properly interpreted, is in perfect consistence with this our testimony, and with the Holy Scriptures as regards the errors specified "

BY-LAWS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

ARTICLE 1. The session shall open promptly at 9 oclock in the forenoon.

ART. 2. At the first meeting of the Synod the Secretary shall call the roll of all those who have sent him formal certificates of their election as delegates, signed by the President and Secretary of their respective Synods.

ART. 3. Thereupon the credentials of any who claim to be delegates, but who are not so enrolled, shall be presented, and shall be decided upon by those already enrolled.

ART. 4. A majority of the delegates from a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod shall constitute a quorum for business, but a minority of the same may adjourn from time to time, or postpone the session of the Convention, in two days after the time fixed for its meeting.

ART. 5. As soon as a majority appear, and the session is organized, as provided above, a President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and a majority of all the votes present shall be required for such election.

- ART. 6. The proceedings of the former Convention shall be read, unless dispensed with by a majority vote.
- ART. 7. The certificates of delegates from Synods for the first time connected with this body, shall then be received, and the deputation shall be admitted to a seat in the Convention, unless objections shall be made, in which case the matter shall be referred to the Synod, and be decided by a majority vote.
- ART. 8. Delegates from Lutheran and other Synods not connected with this body, and clerical brethren introduced by the President, may be admitted to seats in the Convention, and participate in the debate, but cannot be permitted to vote on, originate, or second a proposition.
- ART. 9. There shall be appointed at every Convention a committee of eleven on the State of the Church, to whom shall be referred all reports and minutes of District Synods, with instructions to examine and report thereon.
- ART. 10. The general officers of this Synod shall have power to change the time and place of the next Convention whenever in their judgment it may be expedient, or whenever the officers of a majority of the District Synods shall approve or recommend such change; provided that sixty days' notice of such change shall be given through all the Church papers.
- ART. 11. Any of the foregoing rules may be dispensed with temporarily by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

I REGULAR ORDER.

- 1. Opening Prayer.
- 2. Calling the Roll.
- 3. Reading the Minutes.
- 4. Special Order.
- 5. Unfinished Business.
- 6. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 7. Reports of Special Committees.
- 8. New Business.

II. SPECIAL ORDER.

WEDNESDAY, 8 P. M., SYNODICAL SERMON.

FIRST DAY-THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

- I. Organization: Opening Prayer, with Devotional Services; Reception of Credentials of Delegates and Enrolling Names of Members; Election of Officers; Reading Rules of Order; Admission of Synods; Reception of Minutes of Synods and other Documents.
- 2. Foreign Missions.
- 3. Appointment of Special Committees: State of the Church; Credentials; Devotional Exercises; Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies; Auditing Committee; Mileage; Apportionment; Business Committee; Resolutions; Minutes of Last Convention.

EVENING-Anniversary Board of Foreign Missions.

SECOND DAY-FRIDAY.

- 1. Home Missions.
- 2. Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.
- 3. Orphans' Homes.
- 4. Deaconess Work.

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THIRD DAY-SATURDAY.

- 1. Hymn Book Publishing Committee.
- 2. Pastors' Fund.

AFTERNOON—No session (vacant for committee work); Preparatory service, to be arranged for by the Devotional Committee.

FOURTH DAY-SUNDAY.

Services, including the Lord's Supper, to be arranged for by the Devotional Committee.

FIFTH DAY-Monday.

- 1. Church Extension.
- 2. Treasurer's Report.

EVENING-Anniversary Board of Church Extension.

SIXTH DAY-TUESDAY.

- I. Publication Society.
- 2. Publication Business in the Synod.
- 3. Reports of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.
- 4. Reception of Delegates from other Bodies.

EVENING-Anniversary Board of Publication.

SEVENTH DAY-WEDNESDAY.

- 1. Board of Education.
- 2. Literary and Theological Institutions.
- 3. Parent Education Society.

EVENING-Anniversary Board of Education.

EIGHTH DAY-THURSDAY.

- 1. Historical Society.
- 2. Sunday-Schools.
- 3. Election of Delegates to Corresponding Bodies.
- 4. Appointment of Standing Committees.
- 5. Selection of place for next meeting.

EVENING-Anniversary Historical Society.

This Order is arranged for days instead of sessions for the sake of uniformity, and for the reason that some of the more important items require the greater part of a day for consideration. If there be two sessions in a day, the special order pending at the noon adjournment shall continue the special

order after the opening of the afternoon session. If the special orders are completed by the time of the noon adjournment, the Synod will continue on with the regular order in the afternoon.

If the business of Synod shall require, it shall continue its sessions after this, following the regular order at each session.

The Report on the State of the Church shall be presented at the last session, and shall be followed by a fraternal conference on the State of Religion in the Churches, the discussion of questions of interest not included in the regular order, and a season of prayer, with final adjournment.

RULES OF ORDER.

- 1. No subject shall be discussed without being first presented in a motion made, seconded, and committed to writing; and the mover shall have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before the question is taken.
- 2. When a motion has been made and seconded, if a member objects to its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question, "Shall this subject be discussed?" when, if decided in the negative, the motion shall be dismissed; and no motion thus dismissed shall be entered on the Minutes, unless by a vote of the Convention.
- 3. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
- 4. No amendment shall be entertained unless germane to the motion under consideration, nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.
- 5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except,
 - (I) To adjourn;
 - (2) To lay on the table;
 - (3) To close debate;
 - (4) To postpone indefinitely;
 - (5) To postpone to a specified time;
 - (6) To refer to a standing committee or the officers of Synod;
 - (7) To refer to a special committee;
 - (8) To amend;

which motions shall take precedence of each other in the order in which they are numbered.

- A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.
- 7. The motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be taken without debate.
 - 8. Amendments may be offered at any stage of the question.
- 9. When a motion is adopted to close debate, the motions then pending before the Convention shall be put in the order of their arrangement, as provided in Rule fifth.
- 10. A motion to refer or commit is debatable, but until decided, shall preclude all debate of the main question.

- 11. The President shall decide all questions of order; but any member has a right to appeal from his decision. The question on an appeal shall be stated in the following manner: "Shall the decision of the President stand as the judgment of the Convention?" and until decided shall preclude all debate of the main question. Debate shall be allowed only on appeals taken while a debatable motion is before the Convention.
- 12. In filling blanks, the largest sum, the highest number, or the longest time, shall be voted on first.
- 13. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, when requested by five members of the Convention.
- 14. No member shall speak in debate without first rising from his seat and respectfully addressing himself to the President. He shall confine himself to the subject under debate, and avoid personality; nor shall he be interrupted except with his own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.
- 15. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Convention.
- 16. The President shall have the right to speak on any matter before the Convention, provided the chair be filled by another member, and he shall have the power to name any member to perform temporarily the duties of the chair when he may wish to vacate it.
- 17. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by the Convention.
 - 18. The following special committees shall be appointed:
 - (1) On the State of the Church.
 - (2) On Credentials.
 - (3) On Devotional Exercises.
 - (4) On Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies.
 - (5) On Auditing the Treasurer's Report.
 - (6) On Mileage.
 - (7) On Apportionment.
 - (8) On Business.
 - (9) On Resolutions.
 - (10) On Minutes of Last Convention.
- 19. These Rules shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Convention, and may be altered or amended at any session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

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PAROCHIAL TABLES

OF THE

DISTRICT SYNODS

AS SHOWN BY THEIR

REPORTS FOR 1892.

The following Parochial Tables, alphabetically arranged, exhibit the work of the congregations for one year, and the concluding Tables of Summaries give the totals for each of the Synods for 1891 and 1892 separately.

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NOTE.—For Statistical Secretary's Report, see page 87 of these printed Minutes.

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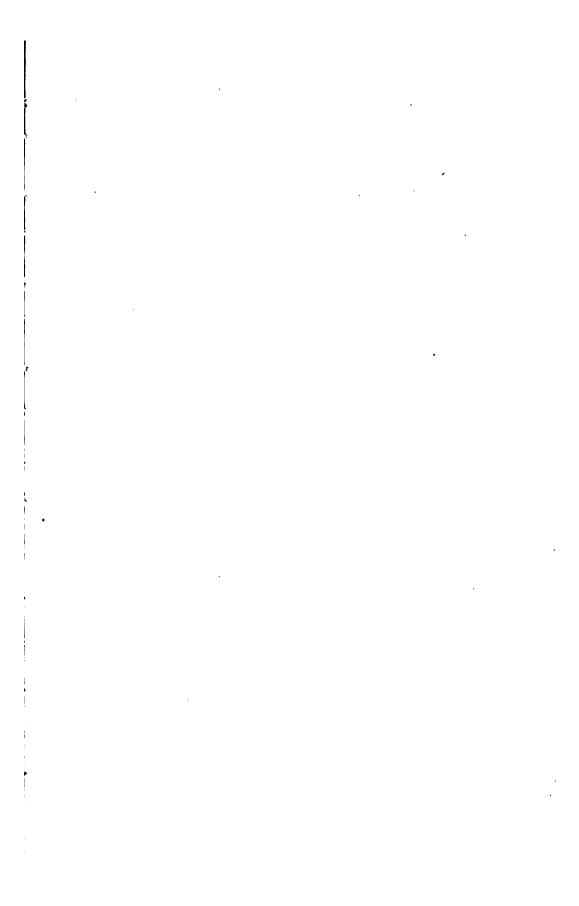
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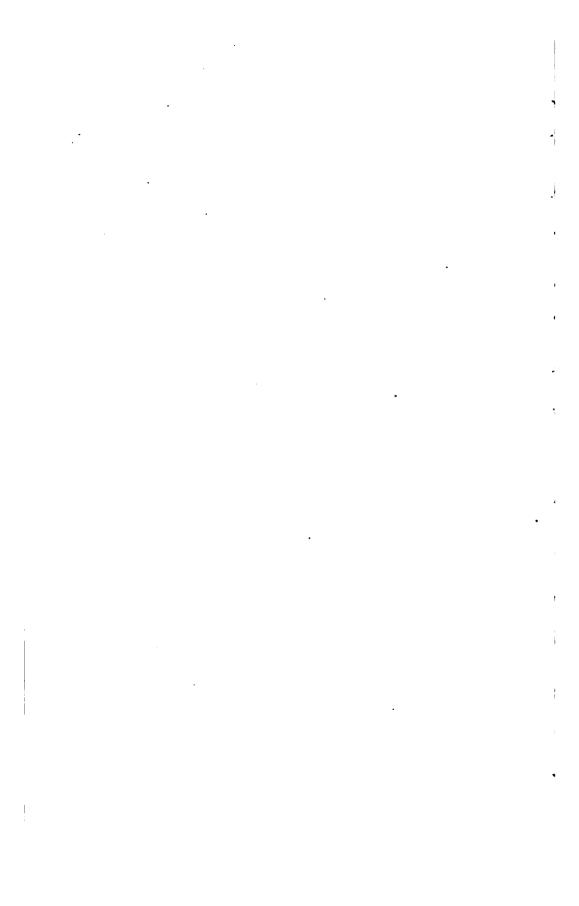
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